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A LIGHT IN DARKNESS

THE rebellion of the Maccabees against the tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes was the turning point in the life of Israel, and from our present-day perspective twenty-one hundred years later, it was a turning point in the spiritual life of the human race. Had not Mattathias and his hardy band of the faithful made a stand against the King's emissaries, Judaism and the Jewish people would have been overwhelmed. Christianity and Islam, both derived from the parent faith Judaism and both instrumental in spreading the knowledge of God in the world, would have remained unborn in the womb of time. The festival of Hanukkah, commemorating the deeds of the Maccabees, is in this greater sense the festival of the human spirit.

The heroism and extraordinary strategic skill of the Maccabees brought them wondrous success in the battlefield. But this alone is not the great triumph we celebrate at the festival of Lights. It is the occasion when we recall the unswerving loyalty of the Maccabees and their followers to God and to the faith of their fathers even unto martyrdom. At the moment when the Hasmoneans raised the standard of rebellion against the King's officers Judaism triumphed over Antiochus and his mighty hordes. The later military successes were incidental to this victory.

In the ultimate sense a people does not prevail by reason of its victories on the battlefield but by reason of the spirit of God that informs them. The chronicles of oppression that make up such a great part of the history of the Jewish people record rebellions against tyrants that have failed. But the spirit of God that in-

spired them to resist and rebel brought them ultimately triumph. The oppressors with their proud victories have disappeared; the people sustained by faith have prevailed.

THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION

THE United Synagogue of America, the parent body of all Synagogues, Temples and Centers within the Conservative movement, of which the Brooklyn Jewish Center is an honored member, has recently held the most successful convention in its 42-year-old history. Over 800 delegates from all sections of the United States, and even from Canada, gathered to deliberate on the many problems and questions faced by the Synagogue and by the Synagogue-minded Jew.

The success of this convention did not derive from the remarkable growth of the number of affiliations during the past biennial convention period, which is in itself reason enough for rejoicing, or from the enthusiasm of the delegates who assembled for the discussions and festivities. The success of this convention came from the new spirit of affirmation that was strikingly present at this assembly, exemplified by the Convention's theme: "Creating a climate for Jewish Living." The new spirit was noted through the fact that this year's convention was remarkably free from morbid feelings of self-examination, of anxious questioning of the right of the Conservative movement to exist and of sideward apologetic glances to our brethren on the right and on the left. The atmosphere of the convention was pervaded with the conviction that American Judaism stands in great need and now welcomes the teachings, preachments, and techniques of what has

The lesson of this festival is a lesson we share with all mankind. We say to man everywhere at this season, "It is time to kindle the Hanukkah Lights of faith and inspiration. May this be for us, as once long ago, lights that dispel the darkness." DR. BENJAMIN KREITMAN.

come to be associated with Conservative Judaism.

It is true that the interpretations of Judaism embodied in the United Synagogue has not as yet been crystallized in a platform of dogmas and principles, thus exposing it to the criticisms of exponents of more rigid and doctrinaire versions of Judaism. But a movement which is daily engaged in conserving the past by making it vital again in our personal lives and in our communities must sacrifice the comfort of dogma for the uncertainties of flexibility. Those who take to heart the future of American Judaism must admit the primacy of creating a climate for Jewish living over the fashioning of doctrinal platforms.

The membership of the Brooklyn Jewish Center congratulates the United Synagogue on its achievements and accomplishments, and prays that our Center, together with the 600 congregations which constitute the United Synagogue, will go from strength to strength in the service of American Judaism.

DR. BENJAMIN KREITMAN.

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"JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

"בינינו לבין עצמנו"

An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader

IN THE last issue of our *Center Review* there appeared a news item of special significance which I hope the readers of the *Review* did not overlook. It told of a legacy in the sum of \$5,000.00, bequeathed to our institution by our esteemed member and trustee, the departed Mr. Morris Miller, of blessed memory. I regard this report of special significance, because Mr. Miller was one of that very small group of members who had the vision and the foresight to include the center among the institutions whom they designated as beneficiaries in their will.

Unfortunately, there are too few Jews, blessed with material resources, who so remember any institution or cause, be it in

the field of charity, education or the needs of Israel. They feel that all their wealth must be handed over to their families, not realizing that the families, especially their children, would be spiritually the gainer if they saw a living example of how a Jew should think of the community's needs after he passed on as well as during his lifetime.

This neglect is especially evident with regard to the Synagogue.

It is strange that we Jews, who were the first to give the people of the world's great religions the concept of the House of God, should be so far behind our fellow-citizens of other faiths in this respect. Rarely will you read the report of

a will of our Christian neighbors, especially of those who were affluent, that did not include as a beneficiary the Church with which the deceased was affiliated. Surely it should be the desire of every Jew, who is able to link his name permanently with the institution where he finds spiritual nourishment and which can best perpetuate our spiritual and cultural ideals in the hearts and minds of the generations to come.

There is an art of living; there is also an art of dying. To live selfishly is unworthy of any Jew; to die with no thought of the needs of our people or our faith, is equally unworthy of a Jew, particularly of one who has worldly goods to bequeath.

Israel H. Perutthal

REVIEW WINS AWARD



AT ITS recently held convention, the United Synagogue of America, which is the parent body of all Conservative Synagogues and Centers in the United States and Canada, awarded a number of outstanding congregations in its constituency with special certificates of recognition for their superiority in various phases of synagogal activities. These certificates, known as

the "Solomon Schechter Awards," were named after Dr. Solomon Schechter, of blessed memory, founder of the United Synagogue of America.

The Brooklyn Jewish Center received the Solomon Schechter award for its publication of the *Center Review*. Because of the superiority of this magazine and its uniqueness, a special award was established for

it outside of the regular category of Synagogue publications. A picture of this award is reproduced on the cover of this issue.

It is interesting to note that the publication which received recognition in the regular category of Synagogue publications was modeled after our *Review*. It is a source of pride to the membership of our Center that our activities and our program have served as a standard and model for many other congregations.

The certificate of award was presented by Mr. Sol Mutterperl, Honorary Vice-President of the United Synagogue, to Mr. Max Goldberg, a member of the Center's Board of Trustees, at the concluding banquet of the Convention.

This is the second award won by the *Review*. Some years ago, in a prize survey conducted by the Jewish Welfare Board, this publication was chosen as the outstanding one among all Jewish institutional publications.

The following article is based on a discourse delivered by Dr. Levinthal at a Friday night service.

An Examination of Prof. Toynbee's Controversial Observations About Jews

TOYNBEE'S MISINTERPRETATION OF JEWISH HISTORY

By DR. ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL

IT IS seldom that a scientific historical work has received such popular acclaim as Professor Arnold Toynbee's *Study of History*. Eight years ago, when the first six volumes were published, Professor Toynbee became a popular figure because there appeared at that time a single small book giving an excellent summary of the six volumes. Soon these became a best seller, and the name of Toynbee familiar not only to students of history but to many men and women everywhere. Now that the additional four volumes have appeared, his work has been hailed by scholars and critics as the greatest contribution to historical study in many centuries.

We Jews have a particular interest in this study, because Toynbee does not ignore the Jew—indeed, he interprets the Jew and Jewish history in a way that calls for an answer and an analysis. Let there be no doubt about it. Toynbee is one of the intellectual giants of our age. His knowledge, as revealed in these ten volumes, is phenomenal. He seems to have mastered, with an encyclopedic sweep, the entire vista of human history, and he gives us not only the facts of history, but an interpretation of it. He is primarily the philosopher of history, and that is what the true historian should be. It is interesting to note that the ancient Rabbis had the same conception of history. Discussing the historical books of the Bible, they say: *lo nitnob divre bayomin elo l'bidoresh*, "Historical facts were given only to be interpreted (Ruth Rabbah II.1)."

The trouble with Toynbee's interpretations, however, is that when he analyzes and interprets the history of non-Jewish peoples and their civilizations he usually does so clearly, justly and objectively, but in discussing the Jew a dark curtain seems to obstruct his vision.

When I read his passages dealing with the Jew and his role in history—past and present—I recalled a familiar character, Balaam, portrayed for us in the Bible and in the commentaries of the Rabbis. You recall the story, how Balak, the king of Moab, summoned Balaam to hurl his in-

cantations against the Israelites and thus to destroy them (Numbers XXII.f). Balaam, according to the Rabbis, was not an ordinary man: they tell us that he was the greatest prophet and the outstanding sage of all the gentile nations of his day. He acquired a position in the non-Jewish world as exalted as that of Moses among the Jews (Baba Bathra 15b; Numbers Rabbah XX.1). However, he suffered from a serious disability, according to the sages: *Bilaam suma b'achas m'eynov boyo*, "Balaam was blind in one eye (Sanhedrin 105a)." Another Talmudic passage states, *chiger b'raglo achas boyo*, "Balaam was crippled in one foot (Sotah 10a)." These are strange and remarkable statements. We could well understand a tradition telling us that Balaam was blind or that he was crippled. Why should the sages emphasize that he was blind only in one eye and crippled only in one foot? But it is just this fact that they wanted to emphasize for us. When Balaam scanned the life of the other nations and prophesied about their fate, he looked with his seeing eye, thus observing and saw clearly, and he approached their problems with the firm step of his good foot; thus he deservedly won his reputation as his people's greatest seed. It was only when he studied the Jew's life and tried to look into the Jew's future, that he used his blinded eye, and treaded with his crippled foot.

With all due respect to Professor Toynbee, we may truthfully say that the Rabbinic description of Balaam also applies to him. He has a penetrating eye when he views the life of all other peoples and civilizations; it is with remarkable objectivity that he analyzes the tragedy of the modern nations, the democratic as well as the communist, their inherent faults and weaknesses, their wanton nationalism and national jealousies, their surrender of spiritual values, their idealization of material power and success. He is firm and bold in his approach to modern Christianity.

Devout Christian that he is, he nevertheless sees clearly and excoriates the current vulgarization of many of the churches and their leaders. It is only in his discussion of the Jew, of the Jew's contribution to civilization, the modern problems of the Jew, that his vision is blinded and his approach crippled.

Toynbee develops in his *Study of History* a novel theory; instead of following the usual pattern of historians he studies the various civilizations that arose since earliest times. Twenty-one such civilizations have appeared throughout the ages and a number of them having already disappeared. History is the story of their rise and their fall. Among all the twenty-one enumerated, he finds no place for the Jewish civilization. There is a leading civilization which arose in the Mediterranean region, but it is not the Jewish but Syriac civilization. The Israelite nation is nothing more than a remnant of the Syriac civilization, and this, despite the uniqueness of the Israelite religion and the great difference between its contributions and those of the Syriac civilization. Because the early Israelites settled in that part that was later known as Syria, Toynbee makes them a part of the Syriac civilization.

Toynbee himself is forced to admit that, "In a period of their history which began in the infancy of the Syriac civilization, and which culminated in the age of the Prophets, the people of Israel and Judea raised themselves, head and shoulders above the Syriac peoples round about, by rising to a monotheistic conception of religion." But in another section, speaking of the Syriac discovery of the alphabet and the Phoenician discovery of the Atlantic ocean, he says: "But these physical discoveries are surpassed by the spiritual discovery of monotheism, and that

was the feat of a Syriac community, stranded in the hill country of Ephraim and Judah." Mind you, he does recognize the superiority of this spiritual discovery—monotheism—but he speaks of it as "the feat of a Syriac community," not the feat of the Israelite community. The latter, for him, is nothing more than a remnant of the Syriac civilization. It is unbelievable, but Toynbee even robs the Jew of his Bible, the Jew's greatest gift to the world. He is fascinated by a Biblical passage (I Kings III) which tells of young Solomon's request of God: "Give thy servant an understanding heart, that I may discern between good and evil." But he refers to it as a Syriac fable, carefully refraining from crediting this passage to the Jew.

If you ask how Toynbee reconciles his minimizing, aye, even his ignoring of the Israelite civilization, with his admitted recognition of the greatness and the superiority of monotheism and the genius of the prophets, his answer is that "they had indeed been gifted with unparalleled spiritual insight," but "it was a momentary spiritual eminence" that they achieved. It was only for a moment—nothing more—that the Jew rose to eminence; it was an accident, not the product of the Jewish genius, that accounted for this "unparalleled spiritual insight." But, philosopher and historian that Toynbee is, he seems to forget that even if this statement were true, a contribution even of a solitary moment may be so great as to influence all the ages to follow.

Worst of all is his treatment of the Jew after the destruction of the second temple and the Jew's exile from his ancient land. Judaism, to him, ceased to function as a living and vital force with that event. He looks upon Judaism throughout these nineteen centuries as "a petrified religion, which has lost its message to mankind and has hardened into a fossil of the extinct Syrian society." Again and again he refers to the Jew and to Judaism as an extinct society which survives only as a fossil. To such an extent have we disappeared as a world influence that when he speaks of the future and pleads for a synthesis of what is best in the world's great religions of today, he names "Christianity, Mohammedan-

ism, Buddhism and Confusionism," but fails to include Judaism.

How can we account for all this misinterpretation of Jewish history, and of the Jew's and Judaism's contributions to world civilization? The answer is quite simple, and Toynbee himself gives us a clue to the mystery. Devout Christian that he is, he cannot forgive the Jews for what he regards their great sin. "They had indeed been gifted with unparalleled spiritual insight . . . but they rejected the still greater treasure which God offered them in the coming of Jesus of Nazareth." Here is the answer—"He was rejected by the Judean leaders of the Jewry of his own age. Thereby Judaism not only stultified its past, but forfeited its future." He adheres to the original, classic Christian theology, that with the appearance of Christianity, Judaism ceased to exist, that the Church henceforth was the true Israel. What you see of the Jew is only a ghost, and of Judaism only a fossil of a petrified religion.

Now we can understand Toynbee's strong opposition to the Jewish revival of our day. He laughs at the Jew's attempt to rebuild his homeland in Palestine. The "Zionist Jews suffer from archaism," he tells us. They want to go back to their childhood! He even ridicules the Jew's attempt to revive the Hebrew language as a living tongue—Hebrew has been dead, he tells us, for the last 2300 years. It is hardly necessary to dispute this misstatement of fact which Toynbee, as historian, should have realized. Toynbee could see, if he did not look with the blinded eye, how Hebrew has become a living language, with a living literature, not only in the new Israel, but among tens of thousands of Jews throughout the world. Even today he is bitter against the Jewish State. We can well understand this bitterness, for during the last world war Toynbee worked under the late Ernest Bevin, British Prime Minister, and it only goes to prove that even a great mind can become influenced through prejudice.

But the real reason of Toynbee's opposition to Israel is again to be found in his Christian fundamentalist theology. For according to the early Christian teaching, the Jew was to be the eternal wanderer until he recognized his national

sin and accepted the Christian redeemer. Only then could the restoration of the Jew in Zion be fulfilled. It is interesting to observe that while Toynbee denounces the "Zionist Jews," he has high praise for the *Agudat Yisroel*, the ultra orthodox group in Jewry, which refuses to hasten God's ways "through an impious usurpation of God's prerogative by human hands of bringing about the restoration." Had Toynbee been up to date, he would have known that even the *Agudat Yisroel* has undergone a change of heart, and that the majority of this group has now recognized the State of Israel and is working for its growth and welfare.

But that is Toynbee's belief—that the Jew has usurped God's prerogative in restoring his national life. He would have us remain in the ghettos of the nations, still holding the wandering staff in our hands. He doesn't like the new Jew that Israel has produced. "In the last thirty years," he writes, "the Zionist pioneers in Palestine duly achieved this most incredible *tour d'force* by minting a fresh type of Jew in whom the child of the diaspora is no longer recognizable." This is what we are proud of, that the Jew in Israel stands no longer with bent back, but erect, facing the world proud of his heritage and his achievements. We glory in the fact that in the new Israel we behold the answer to our age-long prayer, the fulfillment of the prophet's promise that God will lead us to our land *kommemiyus*, standing erect and upright. Toynbee prefers to see us remain a fossil of a dead civilization to serve as proof of the old Christian doctrine.

One of Toynbee's most interesting theories is given in his explanation of why certain civilizations have died. They disappear not because of attacks coming from outside enemies, but because of their failure to respond to new challenges of their time. "Through challenge and response to further challenge, this is the essence of being alive," he tells us. By that very definition Toynbee should have glorified the Jew. For what is the Jew's history but a constant response to challenges, arising in every age and in every land? What is Zionism if not a response to an inward challenge, and a challenge from the nations of the world? His very

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AS THIS is written, sizable military forces are poised on both sides of the Egyptian-Israeli frontier. Serious clashes caused by Egypt's transgressing the border of the demilitarized zone in the El Auja region are threatening to spill over every moment into a major war. It becomes more and more clear that Israel's Foreign Minister Sharett was right in defining present-day Egypt as "an avowed enemy of Israel, bent on her destruction." It is also clear that Israel will not permit, even more now than in the past, any incursion into her borders, or any "improvement of positions" in the demilitarized zone by Egypt's forces. Some of Israel's political adversaries are eager to mark her raid in the El Auja region and the dislodgment of an Egyptian battalion from Israeli territory, east of El Sabha, as "a beginning of a preventive war." Of course, there is no such thing as preventive war. There are war-like and unwar-like acts. The moment war comes, it can not prevent war anymore. A people who wants peace and whose best interests are in keeping up the peace cannot launch war on purpose. It can only answer war acts with war, defending itself to the best of its ability. While in Geneva, Sharett was asked about such a possibility. He said: that it would be "a very bitter day for Israel" if she would be forced into war. It is a well-known fact that democracies in general, whether big or small, have never gone into war "voluntarily," and never chosen the path of aggression for the simple reason that their political structure prevents them from executing rapid, surprise attacks and invasions without prior decisions of parliamentary institutions expressing the will of the people, or at least the decision of the majority. Some see in this a great weakness of the democratic system as against the totalitarian one, and yet this weakness must be accepted as an unavoidable disadvantage of a regime guaranteeing political freedom, and a democratic say in the inner affairs of state, as well as in the matters of war and peace.

An arms deal of a colossal size has been consummated by Czechoslovakia and Egypt, whereby the scales of military balance in the Middle East have been violently tilted. A situation has been created whereby the Egyptian dictator, Nasser, is fully backed by military supplies and assured political

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What is Happening in the Middle East*

THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN SITUATION

By ITZHAK IVRY

support on the international scene by the Soviet bloc. But Israel is given only partial encouragement by the West, with the U. S. State Department still trying to continue its attitude of impartiality and its unsuccessful role as the honest "broker" between Israel and the Arab world.

Speaking from a realistic viewpoint, there is no sense in denying that important considerations, in terms of oil and bases, are involved and cannot be jeopardized by turning completely against the Arabs and by taking Israel's stand. Israeli diplomats will not ask for such an altruistic attitude merely for the sake of the little State of Israel—even though it is the only democracy and the only friend of the West in this part of the world. The real questions are: (1) is the Western policy of so-called impartiality still valid, and (2) is this Egyptian-Israeli conflict only a matter between Arabs and Jews, or a prelude of a titanic struggle between the Democracies and the Soviet world? It has always been a convenient, but mistaken, notion of certain Western Middle East experts—from World War I to the present day—to consider the Palestine question and on the Jewish-Arab situation, as the source of all trouble in the Middle East area. Some Foreign Office boys used to speculate that if it were not for the Balfour Declaration the sun would have shone brightly all over that land. Later on, during the thirties and the terrible Nazi holocaust in Europe, the rising pressure of Jewish refugee immigration, dubbed illegal by the Mandatory government, was thought to be the source of all complications in Western relations with the Arab populations there, and even with the whole Moslem world. The innate Arab, Nazi-fascist sympathies were entirely overlooked. This policy came to a head in Bevin's anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish attitude, which put the fate of the Palestine Mandate in the hands of the United Nations, and left the Jewish pop-

ulation of Palestine to their fate. This resulted in the founding of the State of Israel, and the war of Liberation fought against the invading Arab armies. The rest of it is history.

The Rhodes armistice agreement of 1948 was supposed to be an instrument leading to peace, but it led only to worsening relations. Israel's Arab neighbors became increasingly inclined to strengthen their blockade and boycott against Israel, and to prepare for a second round of war. But it would be a mistake to assume that only the factors of blood feud and enmity between the Arab peoples and Israel led to this deplorable state. The rancor of the defeated Arab armies was surely deep-seated; the refugee question was serious and so was the antagonism engendered by the shining example of Israeli social, scientific, agricultural and industrial progress, as well as mass education and parliamentary democracy.

But all this should not blind us to the fact that Israel-Arab relations were only part of the ignition material in the Middle East. As far back as 1952, the Soviet government began to show unmistakably its sympathies to the Arab world, as demonstrated innumerable times in the Councils of the United Nations. Long before the negotiations of the Egyptian-Soviet arms deal began in June, 1955, the diplomatic weapons were already skillfully and not quite discreetly used in the favor of the Arab states.

It will lead us too far to delve into all the mysteries and surprises of Soviet policy. The clear fact is that Israel, by declaring itself ready to join Western defense pacts, by its deeply-rooted political democratic system, and by its cultural and economic ties to America and—first and foremost—by its strong ties to American Jewry, was long considered a "lost cause"

in the eyes of the Kremlin rulers. Even if they would have considered it worth a try, they decided for "practical reasons" to back the Arabs.

What was the Western world's reaction to this decision?

Most Middle East experts of the State Department, unfortunately, took over the legacy of the Foreign Office's Arab policy. Appeasement of the Arab world was still the guiding principle, if not the openly publicized watchword. The Republican administration only accentuated this. Mr. Dulles sincerely strived for a middle road, for impartiality, in the bitter Israeli-Arab quarrel and for the honorable role of an intermediary. Shaping American policy in the Middle East, the experts blandly forgot that this little quarrel was only a reflection of a more serious one between democracy and Soviet Communism for world domination, for conquest of the oil wells of Arabia, and for securing itself bridgeheads into the continent of Africa. When Vishinsky, for the first time, raised the proposal in the U. N. to give the Soviets some bases in North Africa, it looked to the Western world almost ludicrous if not overbearing. The chances at that moment to get what they wanted were so small as to make the Soviet's proposal seem an oratorical flourish. But any one who studies carefully the Yalta papers and President Truman's report on Yalta and Potsdam in his memoirs, as well as other sources available, can not doubt the seriousness of the intent and of Stalin's blessings to Vishinsky's prayer.

The development of events in French North Africa as well as in the Middle East do not now make this proposal look ludicrous. This policy of Soviet Russia was well-known as a chief aim of Czarist Russia, the quest of the warm waters of the Mediterranean and for "a place in the sun." It continued through the years, and was expressed mainly in the diplomatic struggle for partnership in the Dardanelles.

Secretary Dulles tried to counter this heightened pressure in the direction of the Middle East in two ways: by disassociating the U. S. A. entirely from any involvement in the defense of colonialism, be it British or French, and, by constructing barriers of military pacts similar to NATO.

The hope of developing a purely regional defensive alliance of the Middle Eastern peoples was shattered not only because of the mistaken explanation given by the so-called Middle East experts and because of the enmity of the Arab states for Israel, but because of the Arab disinterestedness in defending the cause of Western democracy against Soviet dictatorship's expansionism.

The theory of Arab neutralism is not a brain-child of Col. Nasser's imagination only. It had deep roots in the minds of the Arab masses whose view may be summed up as "a plague on both your houses."

In the Turkish-Pakistani pact, later joined by Iraq and Iran, the State Department claimed a victory in breaking the Arab front and in pulling over Iraq to the West. How strong this pull was will not be discussed here. One thing, however, must be pointed out now. When Israeli diplomats protested in Washington against arming Iraq without first insuring the peace between Arab states and Israel, they were told that Iraq got its weapons with the express understanding to use them only against an invading army from the North; that she had no border with Israel, and that she would influence other Arab states to enter the alliance, thus, gradually making the Arab world ripe for peace negotiations with Israel.

How far Iraq was ready or prepared for this role, or even for keeping her minimum guarantees, was shown on the first day of the clashes between Egyptian and Israeli forces in the El Auja region. The radio of Baghdad not only blared out its government's sympathy for Egypt, but also its readiness to send arms and men into the "Holy war," in accordance with the Arab League Pact. It may be doubted that Nasser is ready to accept this offer from his political arch enemies and competitors in the Arab world, but Iraq's hostile attitude to Israel is clear, and so is the fact that its General Nuri Said will not put aside the Northern Tier weapons with markings: "Not to be used in a war against Israel." And yet, serious voices have been heard recently in Washington and in London to accelerate the arms supply to Iraq as a "counter-weight to the Soviet arms supply to Egypt."

So far, the most "Western" Arab nation in the Middle East, Iraq was deeply shaken by the latest bid of the Soviets for Arab sympathies. What about the "most neutral" one? Soviet policy makers are in a much better position than the West to counter Western diplomacy and military planning in the Middle East by not relying on Arab manpower or military support. They talk to the Arabs in the language of anti-colonialism and Asian Neutralism, which is so much easier for them to understand and to accept. Striving to dislodge the West from its important bases in this region, they prefer not to mention the possibility of the Red Army inheriting the strategic centers of Western garrisons and air bases. The American Ambassador, Caffery, was just another one of these Middle East experts who mistakenly believed that he can buy Arab friendship by helping Nasser make the British leave the Suez Canal base. His follower and pupil, Henry Byroad, reaped the bitter fruit of his predecessor's actions when he naively misled his government by assuring Washington two weeks before the consummation of the Egyptian-Soviet arms deal that Nasser would never sign such an agreement.

In true Hitlerian fascist fashion, Nasser was only ready and willing not only to fool the American ambassador and to sign such an agreement, but also to break the recently-signed Suez agreement with the British. Having taken over the base and the arsenals of Suez and Ismailia, and having gotten rid of most of the armed British garrison, he was no longer afraid to promise his Soviet benefactors that he would not honor the specific paragraph of the Suez agreement which gives the British a right to return to the base in case of war, or a major threat of war from an outside power. This flagrant breach of agreement was not acted upon by the British by stopping immediately any further arms transports to Egypt, or even by sending back a substantial force to the Suez base, but by returning to the old appeasement line of scolding Israel for "taking the law into its own hands."

Apart from the fact that a similar act of "taking the law into its own hands," was executed by the British in the Bureimi Oasis in a territorial oil quarrel with the Saudi king, this reversal to the old ostrich policy of seeing Israel as the

only source of trouble and of hoping to set right everything in Western relations with the Arabs by punishing Israel and making her the scapegoat of the region, is coupled with too many dangers of further Soviet successes and conquests in the Middle East. This at a time when further Soviet diplomatic or economic successes there may cause world-wide disaster.

What about the main exponent of Arab neutralism in the Middle East, Egypt, and its hero, Gamal Nasser? His opportunistic foreign policy may be likened to the behavior of a man who is ready to put a package of explosives into an outgoing passenger plane without caring if one or all of its passengers perish so long as he can cash in afterwards on the high insurance obtained on his package.

Whether the border conflagration on the Gaza strip results in a full-fledged war depends to a large degree on U. S. A.'s decision to continue or to abandon its "impartial policy" towards the Israeli-Egyptian conflict. Before the Soviet arms shipments had begun to arrive in Alexandria in groups of six to eight freighters at a time, the Egyptian dictator was entirely unwilling to make peace but still unable to wage war. But meanwhile the situation has changed to a large degree, giving the Egyptian war lords a new frame of mind.

Ben-Gurion's statement in the new Knesset about readiness to negotiate peace was previously countered by the Arabs with so-called "prior conditions" of fulfilling U. N. resolutions. But lately the Arab statesmen do not even bother to put up any pretense. "Egypt will strive to erase the shame of the Palestine War; even if Israel should fulfill all U. N. resolutions—it will not sign a peace with her; even if Israel should consist only of Tel Aviv, we shall never put up with that." This statement represents the exact intentions of Egypt, although it was made by a man who is no longer Egyptian Minister, Salah Salem, because he failed in his extremist policy toward Sudan and brought the plans of an Egyptian-Sudanese united state to a complete fiasco.

Nasser's decision was to prepare for war instead of becoming a second Kemal Ataturk (the Turkish leader). He chose this path not only because it seemed to

him the easy way out and the short-cut to glory, but because this is, as a rule, the way of all dictators. The time is fast approaching when—at the beginning of 1956—he will have to make good his promise to introduce a parliament and a "rule by the people" in Egypt. No military dictatorship has ever willingly gone through the birth-pangs of a democracy. Small wonder that the Egyptian military junta now embraced Soviet-armed neutralism and mobilization against Israel as the easiest way to counter Iraq's adherence to the Western bloc and to ward off Western bases from Egypt.

Nasser was, in the past, described in Western papers as a sentimentalist unsuited to being a dictator, a man of constructive "programs and projects, of democratizing and social aims." This hardly fits into the earlier picture of his past as a constant joiner of fascist and terrorist groups like the Misr el Fatah, who confesses that he has been a "believer in militarism" throughout his life. His promise that he will continue to fight communism in his country while aligning himself with communism abroad is small comfort to the West. His dreams of glory cannot and will not be satisfied by sweet reasonableness of honest impartiality proclaimed so many times in the past by the State Department any more than Hitler was pacified in 1938 by an umbrella-waving Chamberlain at Bad Godesberg.

Can the Secretary of State continue to be impartial in a conflict that is, in

reality, only shadow-boxing between the two small neighbors, whereas, the real challenge comes from a great power—the Soviet challenge to all Western positions in the Eastern Mediterranean?

Apart from the fact that no impartiality can impress the Egyptians who understandably prefer Soviet one-sidedness, Soviet weapons and Soviet vetoes. Already a competent military observer like Hanson W. Baldwin, of the New York Times, admits that the British withdrawal from the Suez was a mistake: "It did not 'buy' Arab friendship. On the contrary, it has been interpreted, in its true light as an act of weakness. Above all, it created another *vacuum of power* in an area already noted for its lack of power." Admitting the grave mistake made by Britain under American influence, he, strangely enough, makes a fatalistic conclusion: "Whether the 'tinder-box' bursts into flames depends in part upon the extent of Communist meddling in the area."

Why, may we ask, leave it entirely to Communist decision? Why cannot a line be drawn as it was drawn to the north of Iran or through the middle of Korea? Unfortunately the Geneva spirit is fast evaporating these days, with the Middle East losing more and more of its value as a Soviet bargaining-counter, in a deal for unifying Germany. As to the Egyptian dictator, there is always an appropriate time for stopping a little war-lord in his tracks, and this is the time for it in the Middle East.

ISRAEL HONORS DR. WEIZMANN'S MEMORY

THE third anniversary of the death of the First President of Israel, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, was commemorated in a simple ceremony in Rehovot on November 2. The ceremony took place on the grounds of Dr. Weizmann's former home, where the world-famous scientific center which bears his name is also located.

Thousands of people, from all over Israel and the world, joined with Government officials and members of the Diplomatic Corps in paying tribute to the late leader. President and Mrs. Izhak Ben-Zvi,

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Knesset (Parliament) Speaker Yosef Sprinzak, and Dr. Yigael Yadin, of the Hebrew University, were among the many distinguished guests present.

The commemoration of Dr. Weizmann's death included the laying of the cornerstone of the 250,000-volume Central Library and the Weizmann Archives at the Weizmann Institute of Science and the opening of several new buildings at the Institute.



NEWS OF THE CENTER

Rabbi Levinthal to Discuss "Reform Judaism"—First In Important Series

This Friday, December 2nd, at our Late Friday Night Lecture Services, Rabbi Levinthal will begin the first of a series of four lectures which will deal with the different religious ideologies of American Jewry—Their Strength and Their Weakness. In this first lecture he will discuss "Reform Judaism—Its Strength and Its Weakness." This series should prove most enlightening for all the members of our congregation and we hope that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to learn the evaluation of Reform, Orthodoxy, Conservatism and Reconstructionism, which are today the four important divisions in American Jewish religious life.

Cantor Sauler will lead in the congregational singing and render a vocal selection.

Advance Notice

Next Friday, December 9th, at our Late Friday Night Lecture Services Rabbi Kreitman will deliver the sermon and will speak on the subject, "A Light in Darkness—A Hanukkah Message."

Dr. Levinthal's Lectures On Religious Ideologies

Rabbi Levinthal will deliver a series of four lectures on the different religious ideologies of American Jewry: Reform, Orthodox, Conservative and Reconstructionist—their strength and their weakness.

Friday Evening, December 2nd: "Reform Judaism."

Friday Evening, December 23rd: "Orthodox Judaism."

Friday Evening, January 13th: "Conservative Judaism."

Friday Evening, February 10th: "Reconstructionist Judaism."

The dates are subject to change. Please verify dates in our weekly *Bulletin*.

Library Reopens

Dr. Reuben Finkelstein, Chairman of the Library Committee, has announced that the Library is now reopened. The library has recently been moved from the third floor of the Center building to spacious quarters in the Lincoln Place building at the rear of the Center. The new quarters have been equipped with special shelving to better display and circulate its 12,000 volumes. The schedule is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 1:30 to 9:30 P.M.; Wednesday: 3:30 to 9:30 P.M.; Sunday: 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Sabbath Services

Kindling of Candles at 4:06 P.M.

Friday evening services at 4:15 P.M.

Sabbath Services commence at 8:30 A.M.

Sidra, or portion of the Torah—"Vayishlah"—Genesis—32.4-36.43 Haphtorah reading: Prophets Obadiah 1.1-21.

Rabbi Kreitman will preach on the weekly portion of the Torah.

Cantor Sauler will officiate together with the Center Choral Group under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda.

The class in Talmud under the leadership of Rabbi Jacob S. Doner will begin at 3:00 P.M.

The lecture in Yiddish by Dr. Leon Thorn will begin at 3:45 P.M.

Minha services at 4:15 P.M.

Daily Services

Morning services at 7 and 8 o'clock.

Minha services at 4:15 P.M. followed by Maariv.

Bar Mitzvah

A hearty Mazel Tov is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Newman of 2323 Avenue S on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Howard, at the Center this Sabbath morning, December 3rd.

Rabbi Kreitman to Lead Israel Pilgrimage

Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman will lead a pilgrimage to Israel and a tour of Europe next summer, it was announced this week by William Taube Travel Service, Inc.

Leaving New York July 15th and returning August 19th, the trip will be high-lighted by a comprehensive tour of the Holy Land, visiting all principal centers of historic and religious interest, and including official receptions by the Chief Rabbi and other dignitaries. Visits to the leading cities of England, France, Switzerland, and Italy will round out the tour.

Those persons interested in joining the tour should contact Mr. Harry Blickstein at MUrray Hill 2-0342 or SLocum 6-7852.

Acknowledgment of Gifts

We acknowledge with grateful thanks receipt of donations for the purchase of Prayer Books and Taleisim from the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kramer.

Mrs. Claire Mitrani in honor of her son's wedding.

Personal

The Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital of Brooklyn has formed the "Isaac Albert Research Institute" in honor of Mr. Isaac Albert, who for many years has been its President.

Hebrew School P.T.A.

Meeting, Tues., Dec. 13

The next regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Hebrew School will be held on Tuesday evening, December 13th, at 8:45 P.M. A very fine Hanukkah program has been arranged. Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman will be the guest speaker. Collation will follow. All are welcome.

**DON'T DELAY —
MAIL "AD" CHECKS TODAY**

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the Brooklyn Jewish Center:

ADLER, MISS MARJORIE: Res.: 1563 Pitkin Ave.

BARER, HARVEY S.: Single; Res.: 507 Bradford St.; Bus.: Attorney.

BARON, MICHAEL: Married; Res.: 440 Lenox Rd.; Bus.: Builder.

BESEN, STANLEY: Single; Res.: 1660 Andrews Ave., Bronx; Bus.: Engineer, 34 Exchange Pl., Jersey City.

BELFER, CHARLES J.: Single; Res.: 45 Linden Blvd.; Bus.: Retired.

BRASS, LOUIS: Married; Res.: 377 Montgomery St.; Bus.: C.P.A., 1710 Broadway; *Proposed by* Harold M. Brown, Mrs. Nathan Salwen.

BROWN, FRANK J.: Married; Res.: 395 Ocean Ave.; Bus.: Produce, 97 Warren St.; *Proposed by* Murray Tuchfeld, Henry Spitz.

FLEISCHMANN, MISS ESTELLE: Res.: 1616 Beverly Road.

FRIED, JACK: Married; Res.: 240 Crown St.; Bus.: Wholesale Fruit and Produce, 10 Brooklyn Terminal Market; *Proposed by* Hyman Rachmil.

GERBER, HARVEY: Single; Res.: 5024 Clarendon Rd.; Bus.: Accountant, 4 New Hyde Park Rd.

GOLDWORM, IRWYN: Married; Res.: 1045 St. Johns Pl.; Bus.: Display Manager, 18 East 45th St.; *Proposed by* Monroe Markowitz, Robert Gutchman.

GROBER, ALFRED: Single; Res.: 1106 Clarkson Ave.; Bus.: Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, 980 Rutland Rd.; *Proposed by* Harriet Katz, Muriel Burickson.

HOLTZ, MISS PEARL: Res.: 1384 Carroll St.; *Proposed by* Morris Krugman, David Gold.

HIMMELSTEIN, MISS SHIRLEY: Res.: 707 Foster Ave.

HOROWITZ, MISS ROSALYN: Res.: 1608 Union St.; *Proposed by* Naomi Horowitz, Miriam Flomenhaft.

KUNOFSKY, MISS ESTHER: Res.: 313 Linden St.

LANDAU, MISS LEE: Res.: 135 Clarkson Ave.; *Proposed by* Louis Hammer-schlag.

LIBERMAN, DR. GEORGE: Married; Res.: 1290 President St.; Bus.: Physician, 568 Jefferson Ave.; *Proposed by* David Gold.

MAYER, MISS TONY: Res.: 2901 Avenue I.

MILES, MISS LENORA: Res.: 1593 Bedford Ave.

MILETZNIK, MISS BEATRICE: Res.: 444 Christopher Ave.

MILETZNIK, MANUEL: Single; Res.: 444 Christopher Ave.; Bus.: Health Department Inspector, New York City.

NACHTIGAL, SALO: Married; Res.: 919 Park Pl.; Bus.: Electric, 150-09 South Road, Jamaica; *Proposed by* Harold W. Hammer.

NORVID, WALTER: Single; Res.: 1148 —46th St.; Bus.: Accountant, 509 Fifth Ave.; *Proposed by* Fred Schlossman, Phil Kaminstein.

RAYBURN, SIDNEY: Single; Res.: 557 Wyona St.; Bus.: Window Dresser; *Proposed by* Phil Kaminstein, Fred Schlossman.

SCHNEIDER, SIDNEY: Married; Res.: 1653 President St.; Bus.: Route Salesman, 390 Oakland St.; *Proposed by* Dr. Isaac Salevitz.

SPODICK, MISS ELAINE: Res.: 320 Empire Blvd.

TROY, MISS DORIS ANN: Res.: 638 Montgomery St.

WARD, MISS DOROTHY IRENE: Res.: 324 Williams Ave.

WARD, MISS GERALDYNE: Res.: 324 Williams Ave.

WEINBERG, SEYMOUR: Single; Res.: 476 Crown St.; Bus.: Decorators, 364 Knickerbocker Ave.

WOLFOWITZ, JOSEPH: Married; Res.: 237 Sullivan Pl.; Bus.: Attorney.—C.P.A., 51 Vesey St.

YELLOWITZ, BEN: Married; Res.: 263 Eastern Pkwy.; Bus.: Foreman, 330 West 38th St.; *Proposed by* Julius Kushner.

ZINKER, MISS JOYCE: Res.: 959 Carroll St.

Additional Applications

AUSTIN, ALVIN: Single; Res.: 81 Tompkins Ave.; *Proposed by* Morris D. Berger, David M. Gold.

BRESNICK, MANUEL: Married; Res.: 121 East 55th St.; Bus.: Cashier 1 William St.; *Proposed by* Leo Kaufmann, Robert Bresnick.

BROCK, MISS DOROTHY: Res.: 156 Chester St.; *Proposed by* Harold Kalb.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

THE Junior League has had an eventful month. At its pre-Election Day meeting on November 3, the Hon. Neil M. Lieblich, State Commission of Service Ballots, spoke on the subject: "Politics as a Career." The large number of questions asked afterward indicated a favorable reaction to the talk.

On the following Thursday, the group celebrated the conclusion of mid-term examinations with a game night and open house party. Then came the second in the series on "The Wisdom of the Talmud." Mr. Murray Lerer, a Talmudic scholar and leader of our Oneg Shabbat group, was the guest speaker.

As we go to press, plans have been completed for the Annual Thanksgiving Dance. This project found every member of the group with an important job to do. There was a large turnout, so that a generous sum can be given to charity.

Youth Activities

The Youth Council is now operating at peak efficiency. A constitution is in the process of being written, and it is hoped that the finished document will guide our department for many years. A major project of the Youth Council was the Thanksgiving Week-end of Jewish Living. During this period, which stretched from Wednesday through Saturday, all club members, large and small, were able to spend many happy hours with their friends at the Center. Among the activities were: A Square Dance, A Movie Show, A Costume Party, A Semi-Formal Dance, An Oneg Shabbat, A Havdalah service and many more.

Another favorite project of the Youth Council is the club newspaper, *Ha-iton*, which will shortly be published. An editorial staff has already been selected and quite a few articles have been received.

The Regional Convention of the United Synagogue Youth, held on Election Day, saw a record delegation attending from the Brooklyn Jewish Center. The delegates' reports and ensuing discussions have produced many interesting meetings thus far. Attention now turns to the forthcoming National Convention, to be held during the winter vacation week in Cleveland.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

UPON looking over the agenda of activities for the month of December, one event takes precedence over all others. On Wednesday, December 21, the Young Folks League will sponsor its annual "Federation Night." A gala evening has been planned, highlighted by a film narrated by Dane Clark. The film is designed to acquaint its viewers with the function and work of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. I am certain that those of us who are present will have an informative as well as enjoyable evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a situation which has become quite a problem during the past few months. Non-members are continually approaching the "Door Committee," seeking admittance to our regular meetings. Most of these non-members claim to be guests of members, and thus an extremely embarrassing situation arises. It is not our purpose to turn potential members from our doors, but certain policies and procedures have been established which must be adhered to.

Admittance to our regular meetings can be had only upon presentation of either a paid-up membership card or upon invitation. If you wish to have an invitation sent to a non-member, please give that person's name and address to a member of the Executive Board or leave the information at the desk in the lobby. These names and addresses will then be turned over to Miss Miriam Flomenhaft, our Corresponding Secretary, and invitations will be mailed. If the cooperation of the Young Folks League members can be had, the entire problem will be eliminated.

Calendar of Events

Fri., Dec. 2: Attend the Late Friday Night Services, followed by the Oneg Shabbat sponsored jointly with the Junior League every Friday night.

Sat., Dec. 2, 3, 4: U.J.A. week-end at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, N. Y.

Sat., Dec. 3: Attend our weekly Sabbath Services and join us in our YFL row in the Main Synagogue.

Sun., Dec. 4: Get together and "bowl" with us at the Kings Recreation on Clarkson and New York Avenues. Join us every Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M.

Wed., Dec. 7: Regular meeting—Annual

Hanukkah program—Miss Naomi Horowitz, chairman. The meeting will start at 9 P.M. promptly. Present membership cards.

Wed., Dec. 14: Regular meeting—Forum sponsored jointly with the Center. Speaker, Dr. Harry Freedman, on "Ethics of the Talmud." Dancing and refreshments will follow.

Dec. 16, 17, 18: Week-end sponsored by

YPL at Concord Hotel.

Wed., Dec. 21: Regular meeting—Gala "Federation Night" program on behalf of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Wed., Dec. 28: Regular meeting—The Dramatic Group will provide the program of entertainment on that evening. Arnold Magaliff, chairman—starts at 9 P.M.

IRA M. GROSS,
President.

Young Married Group

IT GIVES me great pleasure to advise you that our Young Married Group is progressing in its activities and growing in number. At our recent meeting when we had a parlor discussion in "Sex Morality in the Jewish Religion," we had the pleasure of an agreed viewpoint by Rabbi Max Schenk, of the Reform Temple Shaare Zedek and our own Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman, who so wonderfully expounded our Biblical History of marriage in Judaism.

Our November 23rd meeting featured "Charades" for our usual game night program. To further the Thanksgiving Week-end on Saturday night, November 26th, we had tickets for "Hatful of

Rain," starring Shelley Winters and Ben Gazzara, the Broadway dramatic hit which all who attended enjoyed.

Our December 14th meeting will be in association with the Adult Institute Program, Dr. Harry Freedman will lecture on "Ethics of the Talmud." Last but by far not the least important to us today, is the supporting of our banquet on December 11th. We must get or give \$125. in advertisements. Let us show the general Center Membership just what our Young Married Group can do.

WILLIAM BRIEF,
President.



Delegates representing the Brooklyn Jewish Center at the banquet concluding the recent United Synagogue of America convention held at the Concord Hotel. Left to right: Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, Max Goldberg, Mrs. Max Goldberg, Mrs. Benjamin Markowe and Benjamin Markowe. Standing, left to right: Harold W. Hammer, Mrs. Harold W. Hammer and Harold Kalb. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schaeffer who were also delegates were not present when this picture was taken.

THE HEBREW SCHOOL

THE first Community Breakfast of the current school year was held on Sunday, October 30. The breakfast was preceded by morning services conducted by the Post Bar Mitzvah and High School classes. A very enjoyable repast was prepared by the PTA committee headed by Mrs. Alice Kalton. Mr. Paul Kushner was guest speaker and led the discussion on his recent trip to Israel. The audience of 60, despite inclement weather, was inspired by the entire proceedings and a wonderful time was had by all.

The Parent-Teachers Association held its first meeting of the new season 5716 on Wednesday evening, November 2. The magnificent attendance was a tribute to the wonderful accomplishments of the Parent-Teachers Association in the past years and the expected continuation of such activities on the part of the new administration. A splendid program was arranged by Mrs. Sarah Epstein, the outgoing president, who presided. The program included:

A report on the School by Mr. Aaron Krumbein, acting principal; musical selection by our own Cantor William Sauler assisted by Mr. Sholom Secunda; an inspiring address by Dr. Israel H. Levinthal. The new officers were installed by Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, principal, and this was followed by a response from Mrs. Sadie Soloway, the new president.

The new officers for the coming year are, Mrs. Sadie Soloway, president; Mesdames Luba Aminoff, Esther Crawford and Sylvia Moskowitz, vice-presidents; Mrs. Sophie Crystal, recording secretary; Mrs. Alice Kalton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Faye Gutchman, financial secretary and treasurer.

At a faculty conference held on November 8, the faculty of the Hebrew School was privileged to have as its guest, Mr. Diamond, of the Jewish Education Committee, who explained to the teachers the benefits of joining the Group Insurance Plan for teachers in Jewish religious schools of New York City, and also the Jewish Teachers Retirement Plan. Eligible teachers were urged to take advantage of the services and plans offered.

On Saturday, November 19, four classes of the Hebrew School which have begun the study of Humash in the original Hebrew, were feted in the main synagogue in the Brooklyn Jewish Center's traditional *Hagigat Bresbith*. Mr. Aaron Krumbein, acting principal, presented the students to Rabbi Levinthal, who conducted the ceremony in tribute to the new students of Bible. A Kiddush was arranged in honor of our future Biblical scholars by the Sisterhood at the end of the service.

Individual grade conferences have been arranged for all classes to begin on November 21 and will be continued through Thursday, January 12, 1956. Parents will have an opportunity to visit their child's class for an hour and then discuss with the teacher and principal the curriculum and course of study. Parents are urged to make every effort to attend the grade conferences.

Membership Applications

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GOLDBERG, MISS SUSAN: Res.: 141 Bristol St.; *Proposed by* Harold Kalb.

GRIBOFF, MISS THELMA: Res.: 196 Rockaway Ave.

MILLER, MORTON: Single; Res.: 7212 —19th Ave.; Bus.: Attorney, 550—5th Ave.; *Proposed by* Norman Kimmelman.

SANDS, LEONARD B.: Single; Res.: 175 Eastern Pkwy.; Bus.: Dept. Store Executive, Klein's, Union Sq., N. Y.; *Proposed by* Shelley Libman.

TEPLITSKY, MILTON: Married; Res.: 175 Eastern Pkwy.; Bus.: Suit & Coat Operator, 251 W. 39th St.

FRANK SCHAEFFER,
Chairman, Membership Committee.

In Memoriam

The Brooklyn Jewish Center announces with deep regret the passing of its member

Edward Maues

of 69-29—172nd Street, Flushing, L. I., on November 21, 1955.

We extend our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the family and relatives in their bereavement.

Next

FORUM of the Season

THE FORUM COMMITTEE

in conjunction with the

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH
STUDIES FOR ADULTS,
YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

and the

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP

is sponsoring a series of
FOUR LECTURES

on

"THE ETHICS OF
JUDAISM"

Wednesday, December 14
8:30 P.M.

DR. HARRY FREEDMAN

Lecturer in Bible at Yeshiva
University, Editor of the Soncino
Talmud and Midrash

Subject:

"THE ETHICS OF THE
TALMUD"

Admission FREE to Members and
Students of the Institute.

Non-members—\$1.00 for Series.

PAGING SISTERHOOD!

MRS. FRANK SCHAEFFER, Editor

The Hanukkah holiday which will soon be with us, is an anniversary of a miraculous restoration which is celebrated in every Jewish home as the Festival of Rededication, frequently called the Festival of Lights, from the practice of kindling lights. Because of the bravery and moral stamina of the Maccabees, this festival commemorates one of the most unequal struggles and brilliant victories in the history of the Jewish people.

As these Hanukkah lights are kindled and grow brighter day by day, they become for the Jewish people little flames of faith in all its aspects, religious, cultural and moral, which will one day become the unchallenged right of every human being; faith in the ultimate triumph of all righteous causes despite the odds that may be arrayed against them.

When we place our Hanukkah lamp in our window, let us utter a prayer for the fulfillment of all our efforts to build a rich Jewish life for our families and a strong Jewish community for our people.

MOLLY MARKOWE,
President.

Mother-Daughter Luncheon

Our annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon, always a glamorous affair, was made more meaningful for us this year since it also served as a celebration of Sisterhood's 35th anniversary. After the singing of the Anthems, beautifully rendered by Cantor Sauler, and a most inspiring Invocation delivered by Rabbi Kreitman, our president, Mrs. Markowe extended a warm welcome to the large assemblage of members and guests. In briefly tracing the history of Sisterhood throughout the years, Mrs. Markowe paid tribute to the ten presidents preceding her who had made such significant and permanent contributions toward the life of our Sisterhood and the Center. Mrs. Abraham Meltzer, Luncheon Chairman, struck the keynote of the afternoon when she said, "The wisdom of woman builds the home. To her the Talmudic phrase applies, It is woman alone through whom God's bless-

ings are vouchsafed." In his greetings to us Rabbi Levinthal declared that activity in Sisterhood work will bring a radiance to our lives, and he rejoiced to see this spirit reflected in the faces of all the women present.

After a sumptuous luncheon, a beautiful fashion show presented by Martin's of Brooklyn, and the awarding of thirty door prizes, we adjourned for the afternoon, with a feeling of happy anticipation at the thought of celebrating our Twentieth Annual Luncheon next year. Mrs. Meltzer, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Bernard Matikow, are to be congratulated for their zealous efforts which resulted in this successful and completely enjoyable function.

October Meeting

A large and enthusiastic gathering of our members assembled for the regular meeting held on October 17th. Mrs. Markowe, president, called on several project chairmen for their reports—specifically for luncheon reservations for our Mother-Daughter luncheon; Journal Ads; and Serve-a-Camp. She then presented Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld, chairman of the afternoon. The program was unique in that our "guest speakers" were two of our most active Sisterhood members. Mrs. Ira Gluckstein, Chairman of our Social Actions Committee, and an ardent worker in all Sisterhood endeavors, delivered a most enlightening and factual report on "Arms and the Arabs." She stated that the U.N. should be asked to guarantee the borders between Israel and the Arab countries and thus try to avoid the holocaust of war. Mrs. Julius Kushner, who recently returned from Israel, literally took us on a trip through that country, telling us how overcome with awe she was as she found herself "walking through" the pages of ancient biblical history. We were told, among many other facts, of the Kibbutzim manned by young people dedicated to creating fertile lands out of barren deserts. It was fascinating to re-live Mrs. Kushner's trip with her, and it kindled within us a greater desire to dedicate ourselves to the State of Israel in its many struggles for existence. As a delightful interlude, Mr. Sam Beck-

erman entertained us with a number of gay and charming selections on the accordion. After delightful refreshments, another "edition" of successful Sisterhood programming was brought to a close.

Dinner-Dance, Progress Report

At a recent Center Membership Social, Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, co-chairman of the Dinner-Dance Committee, appealed to all present to pledge their personal "ads" for the Souvenir Journal, as well as to obtain ads from other sources. We are glad to report that the appeal met with a generous response. As a result of a letter sent to all Sisterhood members by Mrs. M. Robert Epstein, Sisterhood chairman, many ads have been received. Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld, chairman of the "Kiddie" and "In Memoriam" pages, reports that a large sum has been raised through these mediums.

The time is running out! We know you and your husband will want to attend this event on Sunday night, December 11th. You can be "among those present" by giving or getting \$125 in ads. Send in your ad blanks and checks today. As a special bonus to Sisterhood members, all those who secure \$25 in ads above the quota of \$125, will be invited to a matinee performance of the best-selling Broadway play, "The Diary of Anne Frank" (date to be announced). We are confident that this will serve as an added incentive for every member of Sisterhood to cooperate in this endeavor which is so vitally important for the welfare and well-being of the Center.

Israel Bonds

The Fifth Annual Hanukkah Festival for Israel will take place on Thursday, December 15th, at 8:00 P.M. at Madison Square Garden. Free reserved tickets for this gala event will be given to all purchasers of Israel Bonds in the amount of \$100 or over. Those of us, fortunate enough to attend last year's Festival, will recall what a memorable evening it was. This year's program promises to surpass all others. This is your opportunity to share a glamorous evening with all our people dedicated to the cause of aiding the State of Israel. Please contact Mrs. Anne Weissberg, chairman, at ST 3-0639, and give her your orders for bonds.

Cheer Fund

Our Cheer Fund has been enhanced by the following contributions:

In gratitude for the recovery of Mrs.

David Spiegel: Mrs. Julius Kushner, Mrs. Benjamin Levitt, Mrs. Moses Spatt; In memory of her brother: Mrs. William Rothstein; For recovery of Mr. Carl Kahn: Mrs. Julius Kushner.

All donations to the Cheer Fund, which aid us in supporting the many organizations that appeal to us, should be made through Mrs. Fanny Buchman, chairman, PR 4-3334.

Kiddush

Mrs. Leo Kaufmann, chairman, announces that the following members are sponsoring a Kiddush for the Junior Congregation:

Dec. 3rd: Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Slepian, in honor of their son's marriage.

Dec. 10th: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Daum, in honor of their 33rd wedding anniversary.

Dec. 17th: Mr. Robert Kritz, of the Young Folks League, in honor of his forthcoming marriage.

Dec. 24th: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shirk, in honor of their son, Stephen's Bar Mitzvah.

Jan. 7th: Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Garelik, in celebration of their purchase of a new home.

Federation of Jewish Philanthropies

Mrs. A. David Benjamin and Mrs. Julius Kushner, chairmen, report that kits have been distributed to the "workers committee" to contact their prospects for this worthy cause. Federation supports 118 welfare and health agencies which concern all of us. Members are urged to send their donations to our chairmen, in care of the Center at their earliest opportunity.

Israeli Flag

Sisterhood proudly announces the purchase of an Israeli Flag for the Center to replace one which has deteriorated through the years. We fervently hope that this banner will be symbolic of those flying over Israel today, and that it will be a harbinger of peace to the valiant State of Israel.

Calendar of Events

Wed., Dec. 7th: Executive Board meeting—1 P.M. Luncheon will be served.

Thurs., Dec. 15th: Fifth Annual Chanukah Festival for Israel. Sponsored by Israel Bonds. Tickets may be obtained by purchasing \$100 Bonds or more. Call Mrs. Bernard Weissberg—ST 3-0639.

Mon., Dec. 19th: General Sisterhood meeting, 8:15 P.M. Guest Speaker, Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes—A Message in Observance of Jewish Book Month. Musical program by Isaac Ostrowiak, Concert Violinist. Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, Chairman.

TOYNBEE'S MISINTERPRETATION OF JEWISH HISTORY

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definition proves most eloquently that the Jew and the Jewish civilization are very much alive, the living evidence of the truth of the Psalmist's words: "I will not die, but live, and declare the work of God!"

How then are we to interpret Toynbee himself? He is, indeed, no anti-Semite in the ordinary meaning of that term. He denounces in strongest terms Hitler's cruelties against the Jews, and I am certain that he would defend the Jew everywhere against physical oppression. I think, however, that we may say of him that he is guilty of what the brilliant Solomon Schechter characterized as the "higher anti-semitism." He would not harm the body of the Jew, but he would rob him of his soul—his spiritual self. The ancient Rabbis, in their further portrayal of Balaam, the ancient prophet of the gentile world, make an interesting play on his name—*Bilaam*—*bala am*, "he wanted to swallow—to annihilate the people of Israel (Sanhedrin 105a)." Professor Toynbee would want to consume the life-giving soul and spirit of the Jew, have him remain a fossil, a remnant of a petrified religion.

Brilliant as his study is when he reviews the life and achievements of other civilizations, so blind is he and so unjust when he attempts to interpret the Jew. It is the distinction of the Jew that he responded in glorious fashion to the challenges of the Balaams of every age. He will respond, I am confident, to the challenge of the Balaam of our day in equally glorious fashion. He will work and strive and sacrifice to rebuild his own life everywhere, and the life of his people in their old-new land, so that he may continue to contribute his blessed spiritual and cultural gifts for the enhancement of world civilization.

You recall the conclusion of the Biblical story of the ancient Balaam. He came to curse Israel, but instead was forced to

Serve-a-Camp

Mrs. Syd Seckler, chairman of this committee, is seeking useful articles to send to soldiers over-seas for Chanukah gifts. Contact her at PR 4-1916, and tell her of your desire to help in this worthy endeavor for our boys in the armed forces.

bless Israel. I have the faith and the confidence that though Professor Toynbee came to ridicule and to denounce Israel's attempt to revitalize his national and spiritual life, that though he would have the world believe that the Jew is no more than a fossil, and Judaism a petrified religion, the day will yet come—soon, I believe—when Professor Toynbee will see on Zion's heights the flowering of a great and blessed Jewish civilization; when he, too, like Balaam of old, will proclaim: "How beautiful are thy tents, O Jacob, thy tabernacles, O Israel!"

To Members Planning Bar Mitzvahs

Members whose sons will be Bar Mitzvah during the next year are requested to reserve the date for the ceremony well in advance by contacting the Center office, HY 3-8800.

The following recommendations were accepted by the Board of Trustees and went into effect on January 1, 1955:

"Be it resolved that after January 1, 1955, no boy shall be Bar Mitzvah at the Saturday morning services unless he shall have at least one year's attendance at a regular (three day a week) Hebrew School or its equivalent. As of January 1, 1956, two years minimum Hebrew School attendance or its equivalent will be required. As of January 1, 1957, three years minimum Hebrew School attendance or its equivalent will be required.

"Be it further resolved that each candidate for Bar Mitzvah who does not have the above requirements shall pass a written examination to be administered by the Brooklyn Jewish Center or by one of its Rabbis."

"Father and Son" Day This Sunday

This Sunday, December 4th, members are invited to attend the gym together with their sons of 10 years of age and over between the hours of 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., only.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1955

By DR. MOSES SPATT

President of the Brooklyn Jewish Center

The following report on the Brooklyn Jewish Center was submitted by Dr. Spatt at the 37th Annual Meeting on October 27, 1955.

IT IS my pleasure to welcome all of you tonight to the 37th Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn Jewish Center.

I presume that all of you are aware of the fact that the Constitution has been amended through the acquiescence of the Board of Trustees, the Governing Board and the membership, to change the annual meeting date from the last Thursday in January to the last Thursday in October. We feel that the annual meeting held at such date, namely: tonight, will act as a stimulus to revitalize all our activities for the coming fiscal year. We also feel that we shall have the privilege of having present in our midst such members as usually leave the city for the winter season.

This is my third annual report to you as your President, and while it has been a successful year as to our day-to-day activities, our problems have not been resolved, especially so from the point of view of Center finances.

CENTER FINANCES.

Our Center finances depend, as you know, on three main sources of income: membership dues, catering, and the sale of High Holy Day tickets.

You are no doubt aware that our membership has been lessening progressively in the last few years, while our operating costs have increased steadily because of increasing Center activities.

Dr. Levinthal, in the opening remarks of his Yom Kippur sermon, informed you that the Board of Trustees had decided not to have an appeal for funds during the services so as not to affect the solemnity of the services. We did, however, have the Kol Nidre appeal in the Center's traditional manner, namely, by mail and telephone. I am happy to report that we realized approximately \$11,000.00.

We did not engage in any other fund raising appeal for the Center during 1955. We are therefore faced with a deficit.

In order to balance our budget and absorb the costs of our ever-increasing activities, we are honoring three Honorary Presidents at an annual Dinner-Journal-Dance to be held at our Center on Sunday evening, December 11th, 1955. This event will be the gala social affair of the year, which we trust will produce an additional source of income to meet our needs.

A committee under the able leadership of Mr. Harry Leventhal, Mr. Rubin Frieman and Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, with Mr. Harry Blickstein taking care of the publicity, is actively engaged in making this affair a social as well as a financial success.

You have received communications from Dr. Levinthal, from the committee, as well as from myself, informing

you of the importance of this affair, as well as the details of the method of admission to the dinner.

We earnestly and sincerely trust that you will support the committee to the fullest extent possible.

MEMBERSHIP.

There are varied and manifold reasons for the decrease in membership of our Center. While we have been noting with anxiety the changes taking place in our neighborhood, I do not believe this fact is the sole cause of such decreasing membership. We are particularly heartened by the earnest efforts made by the Membership Committee, under the chairmanship of our vice-president, Mr. Frank Schaeffer, to overcome such loss of membership. His committee is conducting an intensive membership drive and has exerted every effort to find means to keep our new members, as well as the entire membership, interested in the affairs of our Center.

It is also gratifying to find the Membership Committee presently proposing several methods of maintaining a more permanent type of membership, and it has already been partially successful in reducing the resignations that unfortunately seem to be an annual problem.

I wish to reiterate what I have already pointed out, and which has been stressed at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, that the answer to membership problems is "personal contact."

A large number of Jews living in our neighborhood and still moving into our vicinity are excellent material for Center membership. It is up to us to sell the Center to them. This is not a difficult task. Our institution is nation-wide in importance, our leaders participate in all communal affairs and our activities extend far beyond the walls of our Center.

This fact alone is one of the strongest selling points of membership, in addition to the many benefits offered by the Center building itself. I therefore ask all of you to mentally pledge that you will enroll at least one new member during the coming fiscal year, so that our membership will again exceed the 2,000 mark.

CENTER ACTIVITIES.

Despite your immense interest in our institution, it would be boring indeed to take up too much time and go into detail of all our activities. Needless to say, they are increasing from year to year.

Our religious services continue to attract large numbers of worshipers, members and non-members alike, and the high standard of these services has enhanced membership in our institution. We are indeed indebted to Dr. Levinthal, Dr. Kreitman and Rabbi Lewittes for such exceptional standards. Our Cantor, William Sauler, and the Choir, under the leadership of Sholom Secunda, have contributed to the excellent manner in which our services are

conducted. The Ritual and Religious Service Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack Sterman, has devoted intensive effort to maintain the high level of dignity and reverence in accordance with Center tradition.

Our educational activities have expanded greatly during 1955, including of course our Hebrew School. Our registration presently is as large as we can accommodate within the physical capacity of our building. We have created some new classrooms by the removal of the library to the Lincoln Place building. We have refurbished all the other classrooms in our main building. We are presently remodelling the Lincoln Place building so as to create three comfortable classrooms, consistent with the physical limitations of the building. This work has been progressing under the direction of Mr. Joseph Levy, Jr., to whom we are indebted for his efforts.

It is pertinent to call to your attention the growth of our high school department, such as the Senior Group, the Pre-Bar Mitzvah Group, the Post-Graduate Group and the Consecration Group. In addition, the students who join the Hebrew High School of Greater New York, a branch of which meets in our building, attend three times a week.

Outstanding amongst the activities sponsored by the Hebrew Education Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Julius Kushner, is the Junior and Children's Groups, which meet for worship each Sabbath and holiday. The services are almost entirely conducted by the students under the guidance of the Hebrew School Faculty, and Rabbi Lewittes.

The Parent-Teachers Association, which has previously been under the able leadership of Mrs. M. Robert Epstein, has as its new president, Mrs. Herman Soloway, whose efforts are deeply appreciated by our membership.

Our Center Forum, under the leadership of our secretary, Mr. Harry Blickstein, has been sponsoring a number of fine lectures for both members and non-members, in conjunction with the Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults, of which Dr. Reuben Finkelstein is chairman. Having met with success, they have decided to conduct again this year a series of four lectures by prominent speakers on the subject of ethics.

The Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults has also attracted an unprecedented number of students this year under the expert guidance of Dr. Kreitman and a competent faculty.

As I have previously remarked, the Center library, which celebrated its 20th Anniversary this year, has been moved to one of the Lincoln Place buildings. Dr. Reuben Finkelstein, chairman of the Library Committee, has diligently cooperated with Dr. Elias Rabinowitz, our librarian, in the creation of a fine, easily accessible location. The collection of over 12,000 volumes is well displayed, and there is presently ample room to take advantage of these facilities.

I heartily recommend to you that you spend some time in our new library.

The Center publications have continued to be a source of pride to us, and are still performing a valuable service to the membership and to non-member readers. These are the monthly *Jewish Center Review*, and the *Weekly Bulletin*. The *Review* enjoys a national reputation and other institutions have followed the Center's activities through it as a model for their own programs. This publication has a mailing list of prominent Jewish leaders in other communities, who make use of the *Review* as a guide. Mr. Louis Gribetz is chairman of the Editorial Board of the *Review*, and Mr. William I. Siegel, the vice-chairman.

One of the important activities conducted by the Center is our department of Youth Activities under the able leadership of Mr. Irvin I. Rubin and his committee. This department has been conducting 16 clubs and two Junior League Groups, and a Saturday afternoon Oneg Shabbat Group. It is interesting to note that the Junior Group has to be divided into two groups because of the large enrollment. If we had the proper accommodations, we could easily enroll 1,000 children, and it now becomes necessary for us to refuse additional applications. The Center is grateful to Mr. Hyman Brickman for his outstanding services in cooperating with the committee.

Our monthly membership socials, conducted by the Center Social Committee under the chairmanship of Ira Gluckstein, have been a means of bringing our members together for an evening of social relaxation. They have been an outstanding part of our program, and have helped to create a fine spirit of sociability amongst our members. At this time, it is with a feeling of deep regret that we note the passing of the former chairman of this committee, the late Mr. Saul S. Abelov, a former trustee. His presence shall be sorely missed, and his memory cherished by the Center.

Our Physical Education Department has been rendering a fine service to our members under the leadership of Mr. Israel Kaplan, and the attendance during the past year has been greatly augmented.

For over a quarter of a century, the Center Academy was affiliated with our Center, and it earned an outstanding reputation as a day school. Because of the need for better physical facilities, and because of an acute drop in student registration the Academy decided to move to the East Midwood Jewish Center. We of the Center regret that this had to occur. However, we feel that it is for the best interests of all concerned, and we wish the Academy success in its new surroundings, and trust that it will continue to uphold the high reputation that the school maintained while quartered here.

Our Auxiliary Groups play a very important part in our day-to-day activities through the medium of their varied programs, and are an important arm of our institution.

Our Sisterhood is noted for the high standards of its programs, and its activities. At its last annual meeting, Mrs. Benjamin Markowe was elected president, succeeding Mrs. Frank Schaeffer. The Sisterhood is continuing its energetic work and performing an excellent service for the institution and for the community. We look forward to an enhanced Sisterhood program on their part and trust the Sisterhood will be aggressively instrumental in insuring the success of our annual Dinner-Journal-Dance to be held on December 11th.

The Young Married Group, heretofore known as the Mr. and Mrs. Group, is continually increasing its membership and activities. The president, Mr. William Brief, at the last meeting of the Governing Board, reported a very stimulating program undertaken for the coming year.

The Young Folks League has continued its remarkable growth and development during the last year. The membership consists of all unmarried members of the Center, and it has a most ambitious program, everything that may literally be described as a "beehive" of activity. The president is Mr. Ira M. Gross, who, together with his executive board, is maintaining the high standards of this group. The Young Folks League and the Young Married Group are our training ground for future Center leadership. Many of them are presently serving on the Governing Board of the Center.

It is gratifying to note that they have just contributed the sum of \$1,000 to the Kol Nidre appeal, thereby showing their deep concern for the finances of the Center. We trust they will exert all efforts to insure the success of our coming annual Dinner-Journal-Dance.

COMMUNITY SERVICES.

We have an unexcelled record of service to the Jewish community. We have produced leadership on a national scale for all Jewish causes, and our membership has been actively engaged in fund-raising throughout the year. Special dinners and special events were held on behalf of the national campaigns, and our Sisterhood and our Young Folks League have also held special functions for these drives.

The UJA, chairmaned by Mr. Harry Leventhal, held an annual dinner which was a huge success. The dinner, in behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies was under the chairmanship of Judge Murray T. Feiden. The Judge is also chairman this year, and a dinner was given on November 10th. The guest of honor was our own Mr. David Spiegel. The Israel Bond Dinner, under the chairmanship of Mr. Maurice Bernhardt, was held on Monday, October 31st, and our beloved Rabbi Levinthal was the guest of honor. Our campaign in behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary is presently being organized, and I am reasonably certain that the Center will be cognizant of

its duties towards the Seminary, the alma mater of our rabbis.

The Jewish National Fund continues to receive thousands of dollars from our membership in its drive to continue planting forests in Israel.

However, the scope of our activities goes beyond participation in fund-raising. As previously stated, our Hebrew School and Youth Groups are actively providing fine background for youngsters in our neighborhood, many of whom are children of non-members. Meeting rooms are provided by the Center for many local and national organizations at a very nominal fee, or free of charge. This service, however, is a constant drain on the treasury of the Center, as the revenue obtained in no way compensates for the labor and effort involved.

It would be superfluous for me to continue to elaborate further on the Center's communal efforts. I can only repeat that such services are constantly increasing, and our income is constantly being reduced. Therefore, we must seriously consider implementing our income rather than curtailing our activities.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Before concluding my report, I wish to extend my personal thanks and appreciation, as well as my gratitude, to the entire membership, to the many men and women who have given unstintingly of their effort and substance to the growth and development of this institution. I desire to extend my wholehearted thanks to my fellow-officers, namely: Mr. Maurice Bernhardt, first vice-president, Mr. Frank Schaeffer, second vice-president, Mr. Fred Kronish, treasurer, and Mr. Harry Blickstein, secretary. My especial thanks to the honorary presidents, who, because of their experience in many years of service to our Center, were a constant source of wisdom and counsel, namely: Mr. Samuel Rottenberg, Mr. Isidor Fine, and my immediate predecessor, Judge Emanuel Greenberg.

To all the members of the Board of Trustees, the Governing Board, the chairmen and members of the many committees, the officers and boards of the Sisterhood, the Young Married Group, and the Young Folks League, I extend a sincere and appreciative "Thank You" for their selfless devotion to our Center during the past year.

We are indeed forever grateful and forever indebted to our spiritual leader, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, whose guidance has made the Jewish Center a spiritual stronghold in Judaism. Our thanks to Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman for the splendid success of all departments under his supervision. To Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, I wish to express thanks for his fine supervision and direction of the Hebrew School and the Junior Congregation. An especial thanks are due to Harold H. Hammer for the sincere discharge of a very difficult task. Following in the footsteps of the late Mr. Joseph Goldberg, whose memory will be ever cherished, Mr. Hammer has demonstrated ability in assuming the many administrative duties and responsibilities that accompany the position of Executive Director.

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A SUMMARY OF CENTER EVENTS JAN.-OCT. 1955

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FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURES

"The Truth About the Proposed New Ketubah or Jewish Marriage Contract"—Rabbi Levinthal—Jan. 7th.

Series—"Questions Young People Ask"—"What Effect Should Science Have on Religion"—Rabbi Kreitman—Jan. 14th.

"The Jewish Way of Life Defined"—Rabbi Abraham P. Bloch—Jan. 21st.

Series—"Questions Young People Ask"—"Does a Jew Have to Believe That He is Chosen?"—Rabbi Kreitman—Jan. 28th.

"Toynbee's Study of History and His Misinterpretation of Jewish History"—Rabbi Levinthal—Feb. 4th.

"The Ties that Unite British and American Jewry"—The Rt. Hon. Victor Mishcon, Chairman of the London (England) County Council—Feb. 11th. Special musical program presented by the Center Choral Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Cantor William Sauler, Soloist.

"Maimonides and the Modern Jew"—A sermon on the occasion of the 750th anniversary of Maimonides—Rabbi Kreitman—Feb. 18th.

"A Message for Brotherhood Week"—Rabbi Lewittes—Feb. 18th.

Dr. Israel Porush, Chief Minister, The Great Synagogue of Sydney, Australia—Mar. 4th.

"The Three Pillars of Judaism"—Torah, Avodah, Gemiluth Hasidim—Annual Sisterhood Service—Panelists: The Mesdames Edward Baker, Harold Berlowitz; Readers of service: The Mesdames Harry Blickstein, Harry A. Freedman, Joseph Langer, Benjamin Markowe; Moderator: Mrs. M. Robert Epstein. Greetings by Dr. Israel H. Levinthal—Oneg Shabbat followed—Mar. 11th.

Special service in honor of the United Synagogue Youth Groups—"The United Synagogue—Its Program and Its Youth"—Hyman Brickman, Supervisor of Youth Activities introduced the participants: Joseph Aronow, Barbara Blumberg, Abraham Eisenberg, David Spevack, Linda Shander; Readers of the service; Nina Bakstansky, Fred Eisenberg and Harriet Lorren—Mar. 18th.

Concluding Service of the season conducted by Post Bar Mitzvah Fellowship—

Greetings by Dr. Levinthal, Dr. Kreitman and Rabbi Lewittes. Participants: Joel Fisher, Melvin Fox, George Friedman, Seth Greenwald, Martin Nachimson, Allan Pinsky, Gerald Pollack, Charles Stein and Richard Tascandi—March 25th.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Purim Services—Reading of the Megillah—Mar. 7th and 8th.

First Days of Passover—April 7th and 8th—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman.

Concluding Days of Passover—April 13th and 14th—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman.

Shabuot Services—followed by Consecration Services on first day—Cantata "The Festival of Shabuot" by Mamie G. Gamoran adapted and coached by Rabbi Kreitman under the supervision of Mrs. Rose Rosenthal—Musical direction by Mr. Sholom Secunda—May 27th and 28th.

Special Baccalaureate Service for Center Graduates—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—June 11th.

Tisha B'Ab Services—July 27th and 28th.

Slichot Services—Cantor Sauler assisted by the Center Choir under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Sept. 10th.

Rosh Hashanah Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 17th.

Rosh Hashanah Services—Second Day—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Sept. 18th.

Rosh Hashanah Services in the Auditorium—Rev. Max Hoeflich officiated—Sermons by Rabbi Kreitman on the first day—Rabbi Lewittes, second day.

Kol Nidre Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 25th.

Kol Nidre Services in the Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Sept. 25th.

Yom Kippur Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 26th.

Yom Kippur Services in the Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Sept. 26th.

Junior Congregation Services during High Holy Days under the leadership of Rabbi Lewittes and Mr. Robert Kritz.

Children's Congregation Services during High Holy Days under the leadership

of Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

Succoth Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 1st.

Succoth Services—2nd Day—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Cantor Sauler assisted by the Center Choral Group under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda, officiated on both days.

Concluding Succoth Services—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman—Oct. 8th and 9th.

FORUMS AND LECTURE SERIES

Forums

Harrison Salisbury, N. Y. Times Correspondent—"Inside Russia"—Jan. 3rd.

Dr. Leo Jung, Rabbi, Jewish Center, New York City and Professor of Ethics at Yeshiva University—Theme: "Jewish Life and Thought in the Twentieth Century"—Orthodox Phase—Feb. 9th.

Prof. Abraham J. Heschel, Professor of Jewish Ethics at the Jewish Theological Seminary—Theme: "Jewish Life and Thought in the Twentieth Century"—Reform Phase—Mar. 2nd.

Gen Telford Taylor—Closing Forum of the season—"The Congressional Investigations and Civil Liberties"—May 9th.

Lecture Series

Series of ten lectures—"Issues and Problems of Israel and Zionism" given weekly:

Dr. Samuel Blumenfield, Director of Culture and Education, Jewish Agency for Israel—"The American Jewish Scene—Lights and Shadows"—Jan. 4th.

Prof. Benjamin Akzin, Dean of Law Faculty, Hebrew University—"Should There Be A Separation of Religion and State in Israel?"—Jan. 11th.

Harold Manson, Executive Vice Chairman, Public Information Dept., Z.O.A.—"Political Zionism—Its Past and Future"—Jan. 18th.

Zionist Choral Society—"Israel and Its Music"—"A Cavalcade of Jewish Music" under the direction of Mr. Harry Cooper-smith—Jan. 25th.

Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, Rabbi of the Brooklyn Jewish Center—"What Type of Jew is Israel Developing?"—Feb. 1st.

Dr. Samuel Blumenfield, Director of Culture and Education, Jewish Agency

for Israel—"Why Hebrew"—Feb. 8th.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, Vice Chairman, Jewish Agency for Israel—"Israel and American Jewry"—Feb. 15th.

Dr. Raphael Patai, Professor of Anthropology, Dropsie College—"Israel, Her Peoples and Her Cultures"—Feb. 22nd.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Meeting—Election and Installation of Officers—Showing of motion pictures of important events in the Center from its inception—Jan. 27th.

Dinner inaugurating the Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal Endowed Lectureship in Homiletics arranged by the Brooklyn Jewish Center Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary—Feb. 7th.

Young People's Purim Service—Sponsored by the Young Folks League, the Young Married Group and the Junior League—Purim celebration followed—Mar. 7th.

Membership Social Meeting—Musical program by Jack Brass and his Guitar—Cantor William Sauler accompanied by Sholom Secunda in a rendition of Purim melodies—Mar. 8th.

Passover Sedorim—Apr. 6th and 7th.

Membership Social Meeting—A One-Act Comedy "A Marriage Proposal"—presented by the Dramatic Society of the Young Folks League—Apr. 19th.

Dinner in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal—Guest Speaker, Bruce McDaniel, former Director, U. S. Foreign Operations Mission to Israel—May 5th.

Israel Book Exhibit—Sponsored by Histadrut Ivrit of America—An exhibit of literary treasures of Israel translated in the language of the Bible and the works of Shakespeare—May 9th to May 12th.

Annual Meeting—In accordance with Constitutional amendment change in date of Annual Meeting to October of each year instead of January—Opera Vignette—"Rigoletto" presented by Luigi and Hulda Rossini—Cast: Mathilde Sarrand, Lee Johnson, John English—Oct. 27th.

SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Jan. 3rd: Participation in Brooklyn Torah Fund Rally at Beth El Jewish Center of Flatbush—Mrs. Marian Siner, Guest Speaker.

Jan. 12th: Participation in Federation of Jewish Women's Organization's Annual Convention and Luncheon at Hotel Astor.

Jan. 24th: Meeting—Film—"And the Bush Was not Consumed"—Mrs. H. Her-

bert Roseman, National Vice President of Women's League, Guest Speaker—Mrs. Benjamin Markowe, Chairman.

Feb. 14th: Participation in UJA Rally at the Hotel Astor.

Feb. 24th: Meeting—Program in observance of Jewish Music Month—Cantata "Festival of Dedication" presented by Sisterhood Players and Choral Group under the direction of Sholom Secunda—Cantor William Sauler, Soloist—Mrs. Julius Kushner, Chairman.

Feb. 28th: Participation in Annual "Chai" Luncheon at East Midwood Jewish Center—Mrs. Benjamin Markowe, Chairman.

Mar. 4—6: Week-end at Laurel in the Pines, Lakewood, N. J., in conjunction with the Social Committee of the Center—Mrs. Carl A. Kahn, Chairman.

Mar. 16th: Annual Torah Fund Luncheon—Sisterhood Players presented "The Escapist"—Guest Artist, Mascha Benya—Guest Speaker, Dr. Benjamin Kreitman—Chairman, Mrs. William Sauler; Co-chairmen, Mrs. Harry Kurtzman and Mrs. Leonard Sonnenberg.

Mar. 28th: Meeting—Passover program—"Model Seder" conducted by the Center Academy graduating class under the leadership of Mr. Leo Shpall—Mrs. James Heller, Guest Speaker—Passover Songs led by Miss Naomi Nathanson—Mrs. Julius Kushner, Chairman.

Mar. 28th: Participation in UJA Brunch—Report of UJA workers.

Apr. 18th: Participation in Workshop and Brunch in behalf of Women's League of the United Synagogue of America at Temple Emanuel, Brooklyn—Chairman, Mrs. Benjamin Markowe.

Apr. 25th: Meeting—Gala Celebration of Israel Independence Day, Guest Speaker, Mrs. Morris B. Levine on "Personal Glimpses of Israel"—Musical program by Isobel Walters, Concert and Radio Artist in a medley of International songs, accompanied by Sydney Raphael—Chairman, Mrs. Israel Kaplan.

May 4th: Participation in UJA Luncheon for donors of \$25 or over at home of Mrs. Alexander Dolowitz.

May 12th: Participation in "Jewish Day for the Blind" at the Hotel St. George—Mrs. H. A. Kurtzman, Chairman.

May 18: Testimonial Reception to Mrs. Frank Schaeffer honoring her retirement as President of the Sisterhood—Addresses

by Dr. Levinthal and Dr. Kreitman—Guest Speaker, Mr. Harry Blickstein, Secretary of the Center—Musical Program by Mr. Norman Atkins, Baritone—Mrs. M. Robert Epstein, Chairman.

May 23: Participation in Women's League Special Conference and Luncheon at Bay Ridge Jewish Center—Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld, Chairman.

May 7th: Mother's Day Service and Kiddush to all mothers of Hebrew School Children sponsored in conjunction with the Hebrew Education Committee and the P.T.A. of the Hebrew School.

June 1st: Closing meeting and gala UJA Festival Under the Stars—Guest Speaker, Marcella Kingdon—Inspiring musical program.

June 9th: Closing Executive Board Meeting and Luncheon.

Sept. 21st: Opening meeting of the season and Installation of Officers—Greetings by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman—Dramatic presentation of the current hit play "Damn Yankees" by Pearl Groothius—Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, Chairman.

Oct. 17th: Meeting—Speakers: Mrs. Ira Gluckstein on "Arms and the Arab"—Mrs. Julius Kushner on "Israel as I Saw It"—Musical Program by Sam Beckerman in a medley of International Piano and Accordion selections—Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld, Chairman.

Oct. 18th: "U.N." Trip—Mrs. Ira Gluckstein, Chairman.

Oct. 26th: Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show—Mrs. Abraham Meltzer, Chairman; Mrs. Bernard Mattikow, Co-chairman.

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP

Jan. 11th: Meeting—Panel Group Discussion, "What to Teach Our Children About God"—Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, Moderator.

Jan. 25th: Meeting—Lecture, "Israel and Its Music", co-sponsored with the Brooklyn Zionist Region, Institute Jewish Studies for Adults and the Hadassah Brooklyn Region—Musical program by Zionist Choral Group under the direction of Harry Coopersmith.

Feb. 8th: Meeting—Lecture by Dr. Samuel Blumenfeld, Director of Culture and Education of the Jewish Agency for Israel on "Why Hebrew?"

Feb. 23rd: Meeting—Speaker, Director of the New York Bureau of the Margaret Sanger Research Institute—Outline of work done by the Institute regarding the

International Planned Parenthood League.

Mar. 7th: Gala Purim celebration—Megillah reading.

Mar. 22nd: Meeting—Program commemorating Jewish Music Month—Mr. Morris Traub on interpretations and analyses of classical musical compositions.

Apr. 11th: Meeting—Presentation of film "The Passover of Rembrandt Van Rijn"—A brief message of the Passover Festival by Rabbi Kreitman.

Apr. 26th: Meeting—Mr. Harold Becher, a member of the Center Governing Board presented his interpretations of the "Book of Job." Presentation of slate of officers and Executive Committee for the new season commencing Sept. 1955.

May 7th: Annual "Cotillion" co-sponsored with the Young Folks League.

May 17th: Meeting—Movies and social evening.

June 14th: Election of officers and Executive Board members—Farewell reception to Mr. Robert Fox, Administrative Assistant.

Oct. 12th: First Meeting of the season—Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, Speaker—"Paper Bag" Dramatics.

Oct. 26th: Meeting—Discussion on "Sex Morality in the Jewish Religion" by Rabbi Max Schenk of Congregation Shaari Zedek.

A social hour and refreshments followed each meeting.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Jan. 9th: Participation in Junior Division, UJA Dance at Hotel Roosevelt.

Jan. 12th: "Square Dance."

Jan. 14-16: Week-end at Colonial Gardens, Peekskill, N. Y., sponsored by N. Y. Region YPL National Leadership Institute.

Jan. 19th: Meeting—Lecture and musical commentary by Sholom Secunda of "The History of Jazz."

Jan. 22nd: Participation in dance in behalf of the American Zionist Fund at Congregation Beth Elohim.

Jan. 26th: Meeting—3rd in series on "Great Jewish Books"—Rabbi Max Schenk of Temple Shaare Zedek on "Basic Judaism."

Feb. 2nd: "Paper Bag" Dramatics—Ike Gross, Chairman.

Feb. 6th: Participation in YPL New York Region's "Snow Ball"—Dance music by Murray Baum and his orchestra.

Feb. 13th: "Brunch" in honor of Morris Hecht, an Honorary President of the

Young Folks League.

Feb. 16th: "Paper Bag" Dramatics—Ike Gross, Chairman.

Feb. 18-22: Participation in YPL National Convention at Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Feb. 23rd: Meeting—Report on YPL National Convention.

Mar. 7th: Joint Purim Services and gala program.

Mar. 9th: Meeting—Program commemorating Jewish Music Month.

Mar. 16th: Meeting—Discussion of "An Evaluation of the Current Stock Market" by a Stock Market Analyst.

Mar. 23rd: Meeting—Presentation of one-act play "Write Me A Love Scene" by the Dramatic Group.

Mar. 30th: Meeting—Program on "Song of Songs" with singing, dancing and commentary.

Apr. 5th: Meeting—Demonstration by a renowned Hypnotist.

Apr. 19th: Presentation of "A Marriage Proposal" by Dramatic Group at the Center Membership Social.

Apr. 27th: Participation in YPL Israel Independence Day Celebration on behalf of the UJA.

May 4th: Meeting—Election of officers and Executive Board.

May 11th: Meeting—Final lecture of series "Great Jewish Books"—Rabbi Mordecai Waxman on "The Book of Job."

May 7th: "Champagne Cotillion" in conjunction with Young Married Group.

May 15th: Participation in All-Day Picnic of YPL Region.

May 18th: Installation of officers and Executive Board.

May 24th: "Square Dance."

June 12th: Picnic.

June 13th: Participation in YPL Dance Group at East Midwood Jewish Center. Meetings held weekly.

June 17-19: Participation in UJA week-end at Tamarack Lodge, Greenfield Park, N. Y.

June 29th: "Roof-Top" meeting—continued throughout the summer every other week.

Sept. 24th: YFL conducted Sabbath services in Main Synagogue.

Sept. 26th: Post-Yom Kippur Night Dance.

Sept. 28th: Final Rooftop meeting.

Sept. 29th: Participation in YPL week-end at Grossinger's, Ferndale, N. Y.

Oct. 8th: Special Simchat Torah Services in conjunction with the Young

Married Group and Junior League—Israeli and holiday songs.

Oct. 12th: First regular meeting of the season—"Square Dance"—Music and calling by professional caller "Shorty" Williams.

Oct. 19th: Meeting—Hypnotic demonstration.

Oct. 26th: Meeting—Orientation Night—YFL Players in a presentation of "Martha" a satire on "Marty".

The following Interest Groups met intermittently during the season: Oneg Shabbat, Bowling, Music, Bridge and Scrabble, Roller and Ice Skating, Israel Dancing and Arts and Crafts.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Jan. 1st: After vacation week of trips and special events. Reports to respective club meetings by delegates from the Center to the National Convention of USY.

Jan. 6th: Junior League meeting. Annual election and Game Night.

Jan. 8th: Deborah-Israel social.

Jan. 9th: Hug Ivri Lanoar meeting—Hebrew Speaking Group. Mr. Zvi Glatstein in charge.

Jan. 13th: Junior League meeting—Installation of Officers and Movie Night—Presentation of "The King's Hunchback," a film about Moses Mendelsohn.

Jan. 15th: Inauguration of a series on Jewish Values and Symbols—Part A: The Synagogue.

Jan. 15th: Club Herzl—Movie, "The King's Hunchback."

Jan. 18th: Arts and Crafts Group meeting.

Jan. 22nd: Continuation of series on Jewish Values and Symbols—Part B: Jewish Music.

Jan. 22nd: Club Herzl—Evening of Jewish Folk Songs.

Jan. 25th: Youth Council meeting.

Jan. 27th: Junior League meeting—Talent show.

Jan. 29th: Continuation of series on Jewish Values and Symbols—Part C: The Torah.

Jan. 29th: Basketball game with Temple Petach Tikvah.

Jan. 29th: Bowling party by Club Herzl.

Feb. 3rd: Junior League meeting. Folk singing and dancing.

Feb. 3rd: Registration for USY Kinus.

Feb. 4-6: Brooklyn Jewish Center serves as host to 300 youngsters gathered for a week-end of Jewish living and

learning. Friday through Sunday.

Feb. 5th: Maccabees—Deborah social.

Feb. 7th: Special meeting on programming for USY leaders.

Feb. 8th: Aviva Game Night.

Feb. 10th: Junior League meeting. Tercentenary program.

Feb. 12th: Lincoln's Birthday programs.

Feb. 12th: Club Bialik Game Night.

Feb. 15th: Meeting of Arts and Crafts group.

Feb. 17th: Junior League meeting. Square dance social, with professional caller.

Feb. 19th: Club Bialik meeting—Discussion of "Jewish Youth and the Synagogue" by Rabbi Kreitman.

Feb. 21st: Youth Council meeting.

Feb. 26th: Second session on Jewish music.

Feb. 26th: Club Herzl and Akiba—Film: "The Seventh Day."

Feb. 26th: Tzofim—Aviva social.

Mar. 1st: Youth Council meeting.

Mar. 5th: Purim observance and parties.

Mar. 7th: Megillah reading—attended by all club members and Junior League.

Mar. 8th: Youth Council meeting.

Mar. 12th: Purim Carnival and Masquerade.

Mar. 22nd: Youth Council meeting.

Mar. 26th: Club Herzl movie night.

Mar. 27th: Hug Ivri Lanoar meeting. Mr. Meyer Appelman in charge.

Mar. 31st: Junior League meeting. Passover program; original play.

Apr. 2nd: Club Herzl Model Seder.

Apr. 9th: Junior League—Symposium at Sabbath Passover services in Main Synagogue—"The Tercentenary—Retrospect and Prospect."

Apr. 9th: Third Seder for each club.

Apr. 9th: Junior League Matzo Ball dance.

Apr. 14th: Junior League "night out"—Bowling and skating party.

Apr. 16th: Evaluation session in Club Herzl.

Apr. 23rd: Registration opens for coming year.

Apr. 23rd: Tzofim—Shoshana social.

Apr. 24th: Final meeting of Hug Ivri Lanoar. Mr. Meyer Appelman in charge.

Apr. 30th: Tzofim—Aviva social.

Apr. 30th: Final party in Club Herzl.

May 5th: Junior League meeting. Israel Independence Day program.

May 7th: Saturday night "Roof Garden" season opens.

May 12th: Junior League meeting. Evaluation and planning session.

May 14th: Registration opens for Center members and Hebrew School children.

May 14th: Springtime Festival sponsored by Junior League—professional caller.

June 11th: Registration opens for unaffiliated applicants.

June 16th: Junior League carnival.

June 18th: Farewell party for pre-teen members.

June 23rd: Junior League meeting. Decision to continue sessions throughout the summer.

June 25th: Farewell social and dance for teen-agers.

July 4th: Beach party for Junior League.

July 6th: Junior League joins Young Folks League in "Roof Garden" dance.

July 10th: Junior League moonlight sail to Staten Island.

July 20th: Junior League "Roof Garden" social.

July 24th: Junior League bowling party.

Aug. 3rd: Junior League "Roof Garden" social.

Aug. 7th: Junior League Boat ride to Bear Mountain.

Aug. 17th: Junior League "Roof Garden" social.

Aug. 28th: Junior League bowling party.

Aug. 31-Sept. 7: USY members attend summer encampment at Camp Ramah, East Hampton, Conn. Junior League members attend YPL encampment at Camp Ramah, Lake Como, Pa.

Sept. 4th: Junior League "last fling" beach party.

Sept. 8th: Organization meeting of new midweek Club Herzl.

Sept. 21st: First meeting of Club Herzl.

Sept. 22nd: Opening session of Junior League. Address by Rabbi Kreitman—"Judaism and Jewish Youth."

Sept. 24th: Opening rally and dance.

Sept. 29th: Junior League meeting. Hebrew dance instruction under professional direction.

Oct. 6th: Junior League movie night; Telecast recording of Edward R. Murrow's interview of Dr. Robert Oppenheimer.

Oct. 8th: Junior League co-sponsors Simhat Torah celebration and party.

Oct. 11th: Special USY rally; Dr. Morton Siegel, National Director, Guest

Speaker.

Oct. 13th: Junior League game night and open house.

Oct. 15th: Beginning of regular Saturday night club activities.

Oct. 20th: Junior League meeting. First of series on "The Wisdom of the Talmud." Jack Reiner, Guest Speaker.

Oct. 25th: First meeting of Youth Council.

Oct. 27th: Junior League Hebrew dance instruction.

HEBREW SCHOOL

Jan. 3rd: School reopens for spring semester.

Jan. 16th: High School Community Breakfast.

Jan. 18th: Open School week.

Feb. 2nd: "Meet the Faculty" gathering.

Feb. 6th: Distribution of Tu B'Shvat fruits.

Feb. 7th: Tu B'Shvat Assembly.

Feb. 19th: Observation of Jewish Music Month.

Mar. 6th: Gala Purim Entertainment.

Mar. 7th and 8th: Reading of Megillah.

Mar. 13th: High School Community Breakfast.

Mar. 25th: Post Bar Mitzvah late Friday night service.

Mar. 31st: Model Seder.

Apr. 9th: Junior Congregation in Adult synagogue.

Apr. 27th: Israeli Independence Day Assembly.

May 7th: Mother's Day Oneg Shabbat.

May 8th: High School Community Breakfast.

May 10th and 11th: Lag B'Omer Athletic Events.

May 15th and 16th: UJA Film Festival.

May 27th: Consecration Exercises.

June 11th: Baccalaureate Service.

June 12th: Graduation Exercises.

June 19th: Choral Group and Guard Force party.

June 21st: Closing Assemblies.

June 22nd: End-Term Faculty party.

Sept. 8th: Opening Faculty Meeting.

Sept. 11th: Opening of Hebrew School.

Sept. 17th and 18th: Rosh Hashanah Junior and Children's Congregation services.

Oct. 8th: Simchat Torah Procession and orientation of new students.

Oct. 30th: High School Community Breakfast.

HEBREW EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(a) INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES FOR ADULTS.

(Affiliated with the National Academy for Adult Jewish Studies of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.)
Twenty-second season.

Mr. Julius Kushner, *Chairman, Hebrew Education Committee.*

Dr. Reuben Finkelstein, *Chairman, Adult Institute.*

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, *Director.*

Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, *Co-Director.*

Mrs. E. N. Rabinowitz, *Registrar.*

Religion: Wednesday evenings, 9:00-10, Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, Instructor.

Jewish History: Wednesday evenings, 7-8, Mr. Leo Shpall, Instructor.

Hebrew A-1: Wednesday evenings, 8-9, Mr. David Slominsky, Instructor.

Hebrew A-2: Wednesday evenings, 7-8, Mr. David Slominsky, Instructor.

Hebrew B: Wednesday evenings, 8-9, Mr. Joseph G. Snow, Instructor.

Hebrew D: Wednesday evenings, 8-9, Mrs. Rachel Bethlahmy, Instructor.

Advanced Hebrew: Wednesday evenings, 8-9:30, Mrs. Nehama Cohen, Instructor.

Hebrew A: Monday mornings, 10-11, Mrs. Jean Serbin-Beder, Instructor.

Hebrew B: Monday mornings 10-11, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew C: Thursday mornings, 10-11, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew D: Thursday mornings, 11-12, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Philosophy of Jewish Religion: Tuesday mornings, Dr. H. Freedman, Instructor.

(b) JUNIOR CONGREGATION.

Students of junior and senior high school age meet every Saturday morning and during holidays in the Beth Hamidrash. Sermons are delivered by the members of the Hebrew School faculty and guest speakers. High Holy Day services for the Junior Congregation are held during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

(c) CHILDREN'S CONGREGATION.

Special services are held each Sabbath for children below the age of 11. The Children's Congregation also meets during the High Holy Days. The teacher in charge is Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

Three Day-a-Week Department: The upper grades meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-6 P.M. and on Sunday from 9:30-11:30 A.M. The lower grades meet

on Monday and on Wednesday from 4-6 P.M. and on Sunday from 11:30-1:00 P.M. The curriculum, which covers six years of work, includes Hebrew conversation, Humash, Siddur, Hebrew literature, Jewish history, Jewish current events and Hebrew songs. Boys older than 10 are not admitted to the beginners' class.

Primary and Two-Day-a-Week Department: Classes from 1st to 4th grades meet on Sunday from 9:30-11:30 A.M. Beginning with the 5th grade, girls attend one afternoon a week in addition to Sunday morning.

High School Department:

(a) Greater N. Y. Hebrew High School. Graduates of the Hebrew School are eligible to join this school, a branch of which meets three times weekly in the Brooklyn Jewish Center. The course covers four years of intensive work in Tanach, Hebrew and history.

(b) Post Bar Mitzvah Fellowship. Students continue their studies for a two-year period beyond Bar Mitzvah. In addition to their study of history and Bible, the students conduct morning services on Sunday in conjunction with the community breakfasts arranged by the Parent-Teachers Association. The last late Friday night service of the year is devoted to the graduates of this group.

(c) Consecration Class. Graduates of the Hebrew School and Two-Day-a-Week School are eligible to join the Consecration class which meets on Sunday morning. Consecration exercises are held on the first day of Shavuoth.

(d) Post Graduate Class. This is a two-year extension course in Tanach and Hebrew for graduates of the Hebrew School. Students meet for a three-hour session on Sunday morning.

(e) Senior Group. Upper grade high school students who have completed a preliminary course may enroll in this group which meets on Sunday morning for the study of Jewish Ethics and current problems. This is a two-year course.

Hebrew School Faculty

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, *Director.*

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Mr. Emil Weinstein, *Music Instructor.*

Mrs. Jean Serbin-Beder, Mrs. Rachel Bethlahmy, Mr. Hyman Campeas, Mrs. Roslyn Campeas, Mrs. Nehama Cohen, Mr. Irving Gabel, Mr. Daniel Greenstein, Mr. Albert Kaminsky, Mr. Aaron Krum-

bein, Mrs. Dorothy Ross, Mrs. Betty Rothberg, Mr. Nathan Savitsky, Mr. Leo Shpall, Mr. David Slominsky, Mr. George J. Snow, Mrs. Paula Weinreb, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

Primary and Two-Day-a-Week Faculty

Mrs. Mimi Alter, Mrs. Lila Cohen, Mrs. Rebecca Greenfeld, Mr. Jacob Grumet, Mr. Robert Kritiz, Miss Sandra Lubart, Mrs. Rose Rosenthal, Miss Renee Rosenbaum, Mrs. Ganya Spinrad, Mr. Sol Tanenzapf, Mrs. Miriam Tessler.

Saturday Afternoon Class

Meets every Saturday afternoon throughout the season. Lectures in Yiddish by Rabbi Gerson Abelson and guest speakers.

Class In Talmud

Class in Talmud meets Saturday afternoon throughout the year. Rabbi Jacob S. Doner, Instructor.

BAR MITZVAHS

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Herman—Jan. 8th.

Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Munzer—Jan. 15th.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Halperin—Jan. 29th.

Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Moskowitz—Mar. 5th.

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man—Mar. 12th.

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Reginald Philip, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Grossman—Apr. 16th.

Gilbert H., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Daniels—Apr. 30th.

Lewis David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Resnick—May 14th.

Stanley, son of Mrs. Bertha Horowitz—May 14th.

Stephen, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Marcus—May 21st.

Martin L., son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Markowitz—May 21st.

Kalman D., son of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Post—June 4th.

Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Smallberg—June 4th.

Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moe Axelrad—June 11th.

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Fred, son of Mrs. Irving Eisenberg—June 25th.

Jay L., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel—July 2nd.

Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hoffman—Sept. 10th.

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Zietz—Sept. 24th.

Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Fishbein—Oct. 15th.

Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zuckerman—Oct. 15th.

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Goodman—Oct. 22nd.

Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Sokolow—Oct. 22nd.

CENTER CLUBS

Young Married Group

Young married members. Social and cultural activities. Meets semi-monthly.

Young Folks League

Unmarried Center members as well as children of members, men over all years and girls over 18 years. Meets weekly.

Youth Activity Groups

Clubs for boys and girls ranging from 9 to 21 years are organized according to chronological age and academic status. Recreational and social activity programs are in charge of professional leaders. The groupings are as follows:

Saturday Afternoon

For teen-agers who prefer to spend Sabbath afternoons in company of friends—Bible Study and Discussion; Hebrew Song and Dance—Affiliated with USY.

ONEG SHABBAT GROUP—Murray Lerer, Leader.

Saturday Evening

For pre-teen girls. Games, Creative Dramatics, Music, Arts and Crafts.

NAOMI—Rita Golub, Leader.

DEBORAH—Pearl Cohen, Leader.

AVIVA—Henrietta Askowitz, Leader.

For teen-age boys. Games, Athletics, Music, Arts and Crafts.

SHOMRIM—Martin Askowitz, Leader.

ISRAEL—Marvin Shapiro, Leader.

MACCABEES—Wm. Rosenthal, Leader.

For co-ed teen-agers. Discussion, social and recreational activities, dance instruction, service projects and trips. Affiliated with USY.

KADIMA—Haviva Langenauer, Leader.

KINERETH—Haskell Bernat, Leader.

TIKVAH — Rabbi Theodore Gluck, Leader.

HILLEL—Aaron N. H. Kraus, Leader.

AKIBA—Arthur Langenauer, Leader.

Sunday Evening

A Hebrew Speaking Group for youth. Discussion, Song and Dance. Meets periodically.

HUG IVRI LANOAR—Led by outstanding Hebraists.

Tuesday Evening

For Senior teen-agers. Program same as Saturday evening co-ed groups. Members are also welcome to attend the Satur-

day night groups. Affiliated with USY. HERZL—Rabbi Theo. Gluck, Leader.

Thursday Evening

For High School graduates. Varied social and intellectual programs with guest speakers. Interest groups meet at convenience of members. Affiliated with YPL of the United Synagogue.

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It affords me great pleasure to announce that the Center has appointed as Executive Secretary, Mr. David Gold, whose devotion to the Center has been exhibited to all of us for many years. We look forward to many years of active service on his part.

I should like to express our thanks to our Cantor, Mr. William Sauler, whose ability has greatly enhanced our religious service. I am deeply grateful for the fine co-operation the Center has received from the following: Rabbi Jacob S. Doner, who conducts the Saturday Class in Talmud; Mr. Sholom Secunda, for his music direction; Reverend Meyer Rogoff, the Sexton; the Faculty of our schools, and all the members of the Center staff.

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